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EDITORIAL

Our Association is steadily increasing in membership with the addition to our ranks of those who have lately returned from the European theatre of war, and no doubt many more will join our ranks at the annual dinner to be held January 6th, 1946. At the last executive meeting, it was definitely decided to rename the Association, The 49th Battalion, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association, which title should meet with the approval of all members as it embraces both battalions. The purposes of the Association should not be confused with the aims and objects of the major returned men's organizations in their larger sphere of activities. Although it is intended that we shall help all members where help is necessary, it is rather an Association where we who served together may meet, regarding those matters which are particularly applicable to ourselves, and discuss mutual details of service.

Junior members are heartily welcomed to our ranks, and we now have a fair proportion working on the Executive. With the addition of this new blood, it is felt that the success of the future of the Association is assured, and that it will carry on for many years. New members will undoubtedly bring new ideas, and it should naturally follow that the Association will increase its activities in the future. The executive will be prepared at all times to consider suggestions, and put into effect those which the members at large feel to be necessary for the good of the organization.

It is somewhat difficult to refrain from referring to our members as old battalion and young battalion, but, however, it is most desirable that we do so. We are all members of one Association, and we should at all times remember that and avoid any division or cut-off. Our late beloved President, General Griesbach, held very sound and decided opinions as to the functions of the Association, and no doubt his guiding spirit will be felt through the years to come. What a splendid officer and gentleman we lost through his death! You will receive your copy of the Association magazine on the night of our annual dinner, and I now take pleasure in wishing every member a splendid time. May you have every opportunity to renew old acquaintances, and enjoy all the reminiscences which mark such an occasion. In closing, please accept my wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

NEW COVER FOR THE MAG

It may be that before our next issue, the cover design of the "Forty-Niner" will have its face lifted or undergo major alterations. The metal blocks from which the impressions are made are becoming worn. Perhaps a better and more suitable design will be the result if suggestions are made and submitted to Norman Cook who has been delegated to receive them. If any of our members are artists, or have relatives or friends who are, their views, either verbal or sketched, would be welcome. Several have already expressed their intention to turn in rough sketches.

Earle Hay Presented with Victory Bond

At an Executive Meeting of the Association on the evening of Nov. 21st, Earle Hay, whose ill health forced his resignation as Honorary Secretary, was presented with a Victory Bond. President Arthurs made the presentation and thanked Earle for the splendid work he has done for the Association during his 25 year term of office. He was asked to accept the Bond as a token of appreciation from all members.

Earle expressed his thanks and said that it had been a great pleasure for him to work with those associated with him. He would always take a great interest in the Association's activities and would continue to do as much as he could as long as his ability premitted. He was soundly cheered.

Memorial Services Held Armistice Sunday

Members of all services and citizens of all denominations held services on Armistice Sunday, November 11th, 1945, in Edmonton and throughout all Canada. In this city the usual unit services and parade to the Cenotaph was the impressive tribute paid to the memory of our war dead. It is fitting that we continue to pay due reverence to the sacrifices paid by our dead of past wars even while we seek to arrange the proper procedure to respect our dead of World War II. Possibly arrangements can be made to hold our remembrance parade on the same day and at some time of the year when the weather is not so bitter as is usual on the 11th of November. It speaks well of the sincerity of the returned men in their tribute to former comrades that they have never failed to turn out in goodly numbers at this ceremony of remembrance.

The Loyal Regiment Issue "News Letter"

The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) have issued a little booklet called "News Letter," which we take it is being published during the war shortage of paper in place of their magazine the "Lancashire Lad." In one of the issues is an item regarding the death of General Griesbach, and concludes, "Our sympathy goes out to all in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and to Mrs. Griesbach." In another item they quote some news taken from the "Maple Leaf" of Nov. 20th, 1944, giving brief history of the Loyal Edmonton. It carries quite a large number of interesting items for men of the regiment. In some future issue of "ours" we will publish some of the information of their doings, which we feel sure will be of interest to our members.

EXTRA COPIES AVAILABLE OF SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

Copies of the Souvenir Programme, which was distributed to those who attended the Reunion and Welcome Home Reception in the Armoury on Oct. 6th, can be had at 25 cents each. Write to Mike's Newsstand, Edmonton, for one or more. They are also available at the Annual Dinner tonight.

ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDED BY MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED JUNIOR AND SENIOR VETERANS

Reports submitted by committees: John Michaels chosen Honorary President; resignation of Earle Hay; eight deaths during past year; Ladies' Auxiliary lauded; members prevailed on Neville Jones to remain as treasurer; wearing of lapel button.

By more than a hundred members, special interest was taken in the annual general meeting of the 49th Battalion (The Loyal Edmonton Regiment) Association on November 9th in the Memorial Hall. Many new members were present for the first time, to show their growing enthusiasm in all activities of their organization. Len Smith, acting president, was in the chair.

The financial report, submitted by Neville Jones, showed where finances, with which to carry on, had come from and gone to, the balance on hand in cash, and in Victory Bonds, being about \$1,400. It was pointed out that the cost of the Re-union and Welcome Home to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment had been about \$2,100.

Eight deaths, and funerals for which pall bearers had been arranged for by fellow members, were mentioned by J. W. H. Williams, who gave his report. Those who had passed away were Frank Seabrook, J. C. Mallott, Capt. George Hunt, Edgar Randall, Charles Vaughan, Edgar Morris, General Griesbach and Albert Potter. Mr. Williams thanked those who had acted as pall bearers, and asked for more volunteers. This request was responded to by quite a number of both the senior and junior members.

The chairman reported on the informal, complimentary dinner which had been tendered on April 4th in the Macdonald Hotel to John (Mike) Michaels, to whom tangible appreciation was shown for his untiring and unselfish efforts on behalf of the Association. Mr. Michaels was referred to by Mr. Smith as not only a hard worker but a great friend to all returned veterans.

George (Stub) Foley told of the distribution of cigarettes and little comforts to members in hospital. It was decided by the meeting that this would be continued, the cigarettes to be purchased in future at Mike's Newsstand.

Norman Arnold, editor of the Forty-Niner magazine, described the publication and printing of this official periodical. He stressed the importance of it as a medium to keep in touch with all members. He thanked those associated with him. He emphasized the importance of items of interest concerning members, being passed on to him.

A letter was read from Earle Hay, Honorary Secretary, asking that his resignation be accepted. He had filled this office for twenty-five years and ill health made it necessary for him to retire. The resignation was accepted with much regret, several comrades eulogizing Earle's faithful service. Mr. Hay was not present, so mention was made by the chairman that it was the intention to present Earle with a Victory Bond in recognition of his outstanding work in the Association. This presentation was made at a subsequent executive meeting, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

A life membership to the Association was proposed and presented to Norman Cook, assistant

to Norman Arnold, editor of "The Forty-Niner." The recipient responded, voicing his appreciation of this special honor.

On a motion of precedence by Fred Pinnell, it was suggested that an honorary president be appointed. He proposed John Michaels for this office which was unanimously acclaimed. Mr. Michaels said that he was very proud of this distinction, and that he would endeavor at all times to do his best for the Association.

During the meeting, Neville Jones made known his intention to retire as Honorary Treasurer after serving in this capacity for twenty-five years. He wished to make way for a younger man. The meeting would not hear of it, and Neville was almost howled down at the mere suggestion of his resignation. He still demurred, but after continued applause to evidence the unanimous opinion that, whether or no, he would not be released for awhile yet, Mr. Jones finally consented to remain for another year only. The meeting roared its approval.

There was some discussion as to who should be permitted to buy and wear the miniature 49th badge. It was decided that anyone who could prove association with the 1st or 2nd Loyal Edmonton Regiments, or the 49th Battalion Association, would be eligible to wear this much-prized lapel button. Barney Morrison's Jewellery Store is the only place in Edmonton where they are sold, and Barney requested an opinion of the members as to whom he should sell them.

When the election of officers was held and Major R. C. (Ronny) Arthurs, M.C. was voted president, Len Smith left the chair and Ronny took over the meeting. He said that he was proud of this great honor, and that he would strive to lead all enterprises of the Association by the example given by General Griesbach. In some cases by ballot, and in others by acclamation, the election of officers, and those to serve on the executive committee, approval was given to:

President, Major R. C. Arthurs, M.C.

1st Vice-President, Brig.-Gen. J. C. Jefferson, D.S.O.

2nd Vice-President, A. L. (Len) Smith.

Secretary, A. L. (Bert) Hidson.

Treasurer, Neville Jones.

Editor of "The Forty-Niner," Norman Arnold.

Assistant Editor, Norman E. Cook.

Members of the Executive: Jack Blewett, Jimmy Craig, Lt.-Col. Alan Elliott, Capt. R. G. Hayter, M.C., Lt.-Col. Bill Henderson, Ted Horton, Walter Hunter, Lt.-Col. G. D. K. Kinnaird, Major Alan Macdonald, O. (Laddie) Muckleston, Alan Nicholls, Fred Pinnell, R. V. Patterson, Harry Stonehewer and J. W. H. Williams.

During the meeting, a vote of thanks was extended to A. L. Smith, who had performed his onerous duties so capably and dutifully as acting-president to fill the breach, following the sudden death of President W. A. Griesbach. The auditor, Ken Kinnaird, was thanked, and so were the Canadian Legion for the use of the lounge room for the general meeting, the Ladies' Auxiliary for the magnificent work they had done, the press and the radio for their help in publicity and Lt.-Col. Kinnaird for providing the color party, the band and escorts, when required for Association affairs.

Young Battalion Adds Lustre to Already Shining Record of 49th Battalion

Patrols and Holding Actions on Arieli Ridge—Hitler Line Crossed—Pursuit Up Liri—Swith to Monteciccardo—San Fortunato Battle—Pre-Christmas Fighting—Christmas at Cervia.

By William Boss

(Canadian Press War Correspondent)

WITH THE CANADIAN CORPS ON THE ADRIATIC.—For distinguished fighting, the performance of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment during the last year is second to none.

This 1st Division regiment has figured in the tough battles waged by the 2nd Canadian Corps of the British 8th Army since the Edmontons shared honors for liberation of the Adriatic port of Ortona in December, 1943.

This has meant patrols on the Arieli ridge in the Adriatic sector, battles like those last spring for the Hitler line, the Gothic line fighting of last summer and Lombardy plains "puddle jumping" involving establishment of bridgeheads with each successive river and canal crossing.

In the first three months of last year the Edmontons held and patrolled along the Arieli ridge sector. In April they went out of the line for infantry-tank co-operation training in preparation for the May Hitler line assault.

In this attack, launched the morning of May 23, fighting was heaviest and enemy fire thickest in their part of the sector that day. But by night-fall the Edmontons were across the line.

The battalion reorganized, then re-entered the pursuit battle up the Liri valley. First Frosinone, important centre on Route 6 between Naples and Rome, then Monte Radicino overlooking the town of Ferentino, farther up the same road, fell to them and sister regiments.

After Rome's fall to 5th Army troops June 4, the Albertans were pulled back for rest and re-organization in the Piedimonte d'Alife area. It was the beginning of stiff morning exercises and afternoons off, furloughs in Naples and newly-liberated Rome.

Meanwhile other 8th Army formations reached the Arno river, Florence and the fringes of the enemy's Gothic line.

The Edmontons were brought up in mid-August and with other regiments of the 1st Canadian Division, took over part of the Arno river sector. They were preparing to assault the Gothic line when it was decided to direct the main blow in the Adriatic sector.

Speedily they switched across and began, the night of Aug. 26, by crossing the Metauro river. Monteciccardo, between the Metauro and the Foglio, was captured after grim fighting, after which a further move was made giving them ground commanding the Foglio in their sector.

Out for Rest

Once a sister regiment of their brigade had infiltrated beyond the Foglio and seized the rubble town of Pozzo Alto, key Gothic line position, the Edmontons passed through, stormed Monteluro in a textbook-perfect attack, pushed on to Fanano on a ridge overlooking Cattolica, captured it, and then came out for a rest.

They came back into battle in mid-September and participated in the fighting for the San Martino-San Lorenzo ridge. One of the six San Martino before the seventh succeeded was theirs.

Next was the brilliant San Fortunato battle. Jumping off from a bridgehead established over

the Ausa river, the Edmontons achieved a night infiltration of the enemy positions defending this ridge—last obstacle to the Lombardy plains. Air and artillery had considerably softened up the feature. Scores of enemy dead littered the ground.

The Edmontons noiselessly picked their way up, over the top, down the far side and out onto a spur behind where they sat quietly till morning. They brought their six-pounder anti-tank guns along with them.

At dawn Sept. 19, other regiments attacked the front, pushed the Germans from the top into the fire from the Edmontons' guns. It was a slaughter and 300 prisoners were taken.

The regiment rested until mid-October and went into action on the Lombardy plains battle around Cesena.

Aided in Push

Crossing the Pisciatello river the Edmontons seized the village of Tomba Della Pietra a mile or so north of the Rimini-Bologna highway. They helped force the enemy back from there to the Savio, pivoting on Cesena and enabling the liberation of the city by other troops. Then they went on to establish a bridgehead over the Savio.

There was another respite, until the Canadian Corps returned to action at the end of November. The Lamone river had been crossed, the Naviglio canal bridgehead established and held by the Carleton and York regiment and the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment in the epic fighting of Dec. 13, when the Edmontons went in to take over part of that bridgehead that night.

More enemy counter-attacks were beaten off during the next four days and the hold was expanded slightly.

On Dec. 19, a terrific battle was launched by the corps to break out from the bridgehead and reach the Senio. It raged all that night, reached a crisis late Dec. 20. The Germans cracked that night and next morning Bagnacavallo had fallen and the Edmontons had brought themselves within easy patrolling distance of the Senio river.

Best Christmas

Christmas—"the best since leaving Canada"—was spent in Cervia. They had been pulled out Dec. 24 and returned Dec. 26, having enjoyed the fruits of three months' "scrounging" and whatever it was the cook did to their well-stocked turkey farm.

Aside from patrolling the Senio dyke, and a portion of the Vale di Comacchio, only notable action this year was their part in the elimination of the enemy's "bulge" over the Senio river, north-east of Faenza. Once Granarola had been outflanked on Jan. 4, the Edmontons cleared the town, then attacked over the Naviglio to bring the 8th Army front up to the Senio river in that sector.

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Hard Work Involved—Executives Listed.**

A cold statement of facts and figures seems and is an inadequate way to express the appreciation of the 1st Battalion, Loyal Edmonton Regiment for the work they did—not only for the comforts they sent overseas, but also for the connection they established—the comfort they were to men waiting in England or slugging it out with Jerry in Sicily, Italy or Holland.

Parcels from the Ladies' Auxiliary were more than just cigarettes, more than cakes and candies and socks, they were a concrete representation to the fighting men that someone was back at home thinking about them, working for them and planning for them.

All that figures can do is give concrete examples of how practical that work was.

When the regiment came home, the wars over, the ladies met again and were given an outline of the way their money had been spent. All had worked hard at teas, gymkhanas, tag days, band concerts, bingoes and so on for more than five years so little time was spent in informing them again of how the money was raised.

It really amounted to something too. Their untiring efforts had raised \$15,368.91 during their brief life.

The expenditure of that money is given in detail below—and speaks eloquently for itself.

Cigarettes	\$ 4,789.15	
To Regiment Overseas (besides cigarettes)		
Parcels	\$3,236.56	
Cash to Regiment	1,107.26	
Band Overseas	91.38	4,435.20
Hospital Work:		
Magazines, etc.	104.69	
Library Furnishings		
Col. Mewburn Wing	524.08	628.77
Home-coming and Re-union Party		1,072.38
Donated to other funds:		
Navy, Army and		
Wings Club	1,775.45	
Navy League	521.33	
49th Band	209.76	
Edmonton Regiment		
Cadets	132.11	
Flowers for Cenotaph	19.00	2,657.65
Cost of projects; operating; and		
miscellaneous expenses	1,443.53	
Balance of Fund, donated to 49th		
Battalion Association	342.23	
		\$15,368.91

Mrs. John Michaels had been president of the association during the last period of its life and presided at the meeting at which the ladies decided to disband. The honorary president, Mrs. W. A. Griesbach, presented her with a bouquet of flowers at the conclusion of the meeting.

Others who had acted on the executive with Mesdames Michaels were: Mrs. W. G. Stillman, honorary vice-president; Mrs. D. A. Petrie, vice-

president; Mrs. A. E. Newton, secretary; and Mrs. Allen Purvis, treasurer.

Those who had served on the executive in the years since the group was formed in 1940 were: Mrs. R. W. Hale, Mrs. B. Millar, Mrs. J. R. Turner, Mrs. E. W. Day, Mrs. R. B. Stevenson, Mrs. G. Mundy, Mrs. L. F. Dawes, Mrs. M. F. H. Browse, Mrs. H. Campbell, Mrs. J. J. Ower, Mrs. A. Sachse, Mrs. Alan Macdonald, Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Mrs. R. F. Jackson, Mrs. C. Dawes, Mrs. J. Bartley, Mrs. G. D. K. Kinnaird, Mrs. J. C. Jefferson, Mrs. N. V. White, Mrs. Don Sims, Mrs. G. L. MacLachlan.

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**On Way Home After Years in Jap P.O.W. Camps
Old Country Loyals Meet Canadian Comrades.**

Ties binding the Loyal Edmonton Regiment to its sister unit in the British army were published to the world when our Canadian unit was awarded the proud title of "Loyal" to commemorate its association with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

There are only two regiments in all the Empire forces with that title and representatives of the unit here in Edmonton were quick to seize the opportunity given them on October 14, 1945, when it was announced that representatives of the Loyal Lancs. were to spend a brief time at the C.N.R. station here on their way across Canada back to England from the far east.

The unit had been engaged in the defence of Singapore and those who survived that battle were taken prisoner by the Japs. They were not released, of course, until V-J day or shortly thereafter.

It was found that the fastest way to send these troops home was by way of Canada, so that they could take advantage of the empty east-bound troop ships which had carried Canadian troops in the other direction.

There weren't very many of the Loyals on that first train that came through on the night of October 14th—only one in fact. He was Major F. G. Barnes whose home is in Bexhill, Surrey, and who had been a Japanese prisoner since the fall of Singapore.

He was delighted to meet the fellows from his Canadian sister-regiment and promised to carry their greetings back to the Loyals home depot in Preston, Lancashire.

He was greeted by Lt.-Col. G. D. K. Kinnaird and representative officers of the second battalion and by nearly a score of the fellows who had served overseas in the first battalion, but had since returned to civilian clothes and habits. And, of course, members of the 49th association were there, among them Norman Arnold who presented the British officer with copies of the Forty-Niner. When his train left the C.N.R. station Major Barnes took with him many cigarettes, magazines, bottles of soft drinks, fruit and other comforts.

On the same evening's second section of the regular train were four more of the Loyals, this time young men from the ranks, who had suffered the same fate as their officer and who were anxious to get back to England, but were happy to greet men of the Loyal Edmontons.

It was a surprise to the Canadians to hear the English Loyals give so accurate an outline of the history of the 49th, and most of the local lads were forced to admit that their knowledge of the history of the English unit was very slim indeed.

There had been other members of the Loyals pass through our city earlier in the fall, but no warning had been issued that they were coming, and though they asked for someone from the 49th, didn't have a great deal of luck, but every effort was made to make up for this oversight on the night of the 14th when the band of the second battalion played the Loyal's march past "The Lincolnshire Poacher" as the train pulled into the station and also played our own march past Bonnie Dundee as well as other military marches.

Among those at the train to meet the English unit was a veteran of the last war who had served with the Loyal Lancs. until 1917, when he was invalided out. He was G. H. Myall, who lives in the Hull Block. Mrs. Myall, a Lancashire lass was at the train with her husband.—Ted Horton.

At 1355 hrs on 12th Oct. '45, remnants of the 2nd Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regt. (taken prisoners at Singapore in February, '42) passed through Calgary. On board were the following officers: Lieut.-Col. M. Eltrington, M.C., C.O., 2nd Bn. Loyals; Major P. D. Leighton, M.C.; Captain Pague; Captain Landrock; Captain Morrish.

On arriving at the station I found Col. Eltrington and Major Q.M. (name forgotten) busily telephoning District H.Q. and Edmonton to contact The Loyal Edmonton Regiment. After getting in touch with Colonel Eltrington, he asked me to give his kindest regards to The Loyal Edmonton Regiment and to Lieut.-Cols. Debney and Stillman, whom he last saw in England several years ago.

All were very cheerful and in fairly good health after their 3½ years confinement in Jap prison camps.

Personal Message from Lieut.-Col. Eltrington, M.C. (C.O. 2nd Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment) to Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

It is with deepest regret that the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of my regiment were unable to pass through Edmonton on our way home and therefore renew and strengthen the ties of friendship which exist between the two regiments. Although we have spent a number of years in prison camps, the spirit of The 2nd Bn. remains undaunted and we shall in the future go on to greater laurels.

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EDMONTON ENGLAND WOMEN SEND BANNERS TO CANADIAN SISTERS

Col. Stillman Brings Flag from Pymm's Park to Strand Theatre.

It seems to the casual eye to be a long distance from Pymm's Park in Edmonton, London, England, to Jasper Avenue in our own Edmonton, but there are many eyes in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment which are not casual, fellows who sense how close the two Edmontons are to each other. They are the men of the Loyals who have spent leaves, parts of leaves or only evenings visiting our London namesake borough.

The Women's auxiliary to the British Legion Edmonton branch had taken into their homes and into their hearts scores of young men from this Edmonton, had sacrificed a part of their meagre rations to feed their Canadian cousins, asking for nothing in return but that the soldier make himself at home.

The bonds between the two cities were given a more substantial form one Sunday in July of 1945 when Lt.-Col. W. G. Stillman took charge of a silken flag, on which was emblazoned the colors and crest of the British Legion and undertook to deliver the banner to the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, Edmonton branch.

There are many returned men who will remember the green expanse of Pymm's Park, its symmetry marred in the later years of the war with the unsightly mounds caused by the digging necessary for anti-aircraft guns, its lawns torn up and replaced by war-time gardens. They will remember the graceful stateful iron fence which once surrounded it, but which was sacrificed to feed the demands of total war and they will be able to picture the scene in that park in which their first commanding officer in this war took part.

"It was a long ceremony," Col. Stillman says, "Not only were the colors to be put in my charge but they were also consecrated before the presentation."

He discharged his obligation on the stage of the Strand Theatre on Sunday night, October 21st, during the course of the first of the monthly entertainments staged by the Edmonton Branch of the Canadian Legion. The Edmonton school-boys band provided the music for the evening and midway through the program the color parties entered.

A companion Union Jack to the Edmonton colors was presented for the occasion by Eaton's Western Limited.

The colors were borne onto the stage by two members of the C.W.A.C., trim and neat in their uniforms. They were Privates R. J. Smith and P. M. Tomlinson.

Colonel Stillman's remarks were brief as he took the flags from the soldier girls and turned to the color party from the local women's auxiliary to give them the flags.

They were received by Mrs. W. G. Paterson on behalf of the Women's Legion and were taken from the platform by Mrs. W. T. Rice and Mrs. W. W. Gordon, the local color party.

W. R. McLaren was in charge of the ceremony.

HOW BLAIR DID IT IN ITALY

Citation Outlines Heroic Action Resulting in M.M. for Lloyd Blair.

HANNA.—Details of the action in which Pte. Lloyd Blair of Hanna received the Military Medal were made public last May by the department of national defence. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blair of Hanna and was serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment at the time of his receiving the decoration, fighting on the Italian front.

The text of the citation and the action in which Pte. Blair received his decoration, follows: "On the morning of Sept. 20th, 1944, C company of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment had infiltrated into the enemy forward defence localities and were advancing towards their final objective. Fifty Germans were seen on a road between the objective and a ridge 35 yards from the leading section of No. 15 platoon. The company commander gave the order to charge. Pte. Blair rushed to the front of the platoon, firing his Thompson machine carbine and urging his platoon to follow. He personally accounted for three of the enemy and forced the remainder to take cover in the ditch. While the platoon was clearing up the enemy in the ditch, Pte. Blair ran across the road and engaged more of the enemy in some trees, a position which was causing casualties among the platoon. The advance was then continued and the objective secured.

"Later that day, Pte. Blair, with a non-commissioned officer, searched houses of the company position. He secured seven prisoners and inflicted many more casualties. Pte. Blair was later seriously wounded and although it was eight hours before evacuation vehicles arrived, he refused to be moved until all other casualties had been taken to the regimental aid post. This soldier's resolute action, his courage and determination, greatly assisted the securing of the company objective and very definitely affected the whole action on the battalion front."

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TO ALL 49ers . . .

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Province and City Co-operate to Welcome Return of the Regiment Which Carried
Name of Edmonton Proudly Into Battle—Thousands Cheer Returned Troops.

There are those who claim that in this modern age of airplane and of frantic speed—in this twentieth century of scientific experiment, of atomic destruction and of business-like efficiency there is no time for the establishment of tradition. These people insist that modern young men have time only for the present—the past and the future claim but little of their attention.

How wrong these sceptics are was demonstrated on October 6th, 1945, the night the Loyal Edmonton Regiment came back from the latest great war.

Hundreds of young men were conscious of tradition that night as they marched through Edmonton's streets, their back straight and their heads high.

They knew that their sturdy shoulders carried history's record of a proud regiment—a record they had themselves kept unsullied at Piazza-Armerina, at Leonforte and Agira; at Vino Ridge and Ortona; in the Hitler Line and the Gothic Line and at San Fortunato Ridge and at the crossing of the Ijssel river.

That tradition was established by the old battalion who had shown the way in their skill and fortitude in the previous misunderstanding with Germany at Mount Sorrel and the Somme; at Flers de Courcellette and Vimy and later at Hill 70, Paschendaele, Amiens, Scarpe River, the Hindenberg Line, the pursuit to Mons, everywhere they were engaged.

Memory of the unit's glorious history was kept alive in the years between the struggles by W. A. Greisbach, who had mobilized and was first commander of the regiment in 1915 and who had been president of the 49th association nearly the whole time from its formation until his death in January, 1945. They were perpetuated in the reserve battalion of the regiment which continued to train, though at times it seemed such a waste of time.

The young men knew these things that rainy night their train came into Edmonton—their chests went out just a little more as they left the train to hear "Bonnie Dundee" played for them and in their honor by the band of North-west Air Command at the station platform, as they heard it again as they swung past the 101 Street saluting base.

They had looked forward to this return—they were home, they were happy and they were proud to show Edmonton people that they had not dimmed the lustre given the unit's name and record by the efforts of the old guard.

Their ship, the Ile de France, had been packed to capacity for the voyage from across the sea and the last unit to leave her and to set foot on Canadian soil again was the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. The hours of waiting and of seeing other groups disembark seemed long, but they knew it was Canada and that in a few more days they would be in Edmonton or at homes in the district.

Representing the city of Edmonton at the dockside in Halifax, J. Harper Prowse, M.L.A., who had been selected by them as their representative in the Alberta legislature told officers and men

of the plans being made for their reception in Edmonton.

There was some good-natured grumbling about going on parade so soon after arrival at home, but there wasn't a man who didn't blanch equipment, polish brass, shine his shoes and try to get and maintain a crease in his trousers so that when the unit got home again he would not let it down.

Conditions on the train were just what the boys had dreamed about those long months in England, in Sicily, in Italy and in North-west Europe. There were sheets and pillow cases for their beds—and the meals!

As their train tried to make time through Northern Ontario, one of those delays occurred which seem to haunt the life of a soldier. It struck one of those gas-powered railway cars which up until the moment before the collision had been carrying a crew of six men, all of whom jumped clear as the troop special bore down on them.

It was four days after their ship had docked that their train had come into Edmonton and as it reached the outskirts of the city and rolled past North Edmonton station the men crowded to the windows and jammed into the passageways eager to catch a glimpse of one familiar scene through the gathering darkness.

Ten of those who had climbed on a similar train on December 15th, 1939, were on the returning troop train. They were: Lt.-Col. W. G. Stillman, E.D., who had commanded the unit when it went forth from Canada; Lt.-Col. W. T. Cromb, D.S.O., commanding officer of the returning regiment; Capt. R. W. Hayter, Capt. J. J. Mackie and Capt. O. R. Browne with Lt. J. L. Herman had all left Edmonton in the ranks; Sgt. J. S. Botsford; Sgt. J. P. Turions; Pte. Sam McCullough and Pte. M. L. Donovan.

Half an hour had been arranged by the civic committee in charge of the welcome home for the veterans to greet relatives on the station platform before they started on the parade which was to take them through Edmonton's principal streets.

While the greetings and meetings were going on a color party, made up from members of the unit who had already returned, took charge of the unit's colors presented to them by the King on July 1st, 1941, and carried them, still cased, from the station platform.

Outside the station at the same time more than three hundred of the men who had served with the battalion and who had since returned to civilian life were mustered to take part in the parade.

Greetings over, the newly returned unit, the unfurled colors at the head of the parade, swung out of the station and marched from there to 101 Street, to travel South on it.

A saluting stand had been erected on the corner of 101 Street and 102 Avenue, just beside Eaton's store and the troops gave a smart "eyes right" as they passed it.

The salute was taken by His Honor Lieut.-Governor J. C. Bowen. With him on the reviewing stand, among others were Premier E. C. Manning

of Alberta; Brigadier J. C. Jefferson, O.B.E., D.S.O., who formerly commanded the regiment; Mrs. W. A. Griesbach, widow of the unit's beloved first commander, Major-Gen. "Billy" Griesbach; Mrs. E. B. Wilson, wife of Brigadier E. B. Wilson, also a former commanding officer; Mrs. John Michaels, president of the 49th Ladies' Auxiliary, and A. L. Smith, president of the 49th Association. Mayor J. W. Fry represented the city on the stand. The 2nd Bn. (R.) Band played for the march past.

Members of the 49th Association flanked the saluting base and bore with them the colors they had carried with such distinction in the first Great War. They were smart in their French grey berets, their rows of medals and their unit arm bands.

When the parade reached Jasper Avenue it swung to the left along that street which had figured so often in the men's dreams of home and marched East as far as 99th Avenue, down which it turned until it reached the market square.

A platform had been built at the northern end of the square and after the arrival of the last of the marchers into the area, Lt.-Col. Walter Hale, area commandant, took charge of proceedings through the microphone installed there.

The first speaker, Lieut.-Governor Bowen, was brief in his remarks as he thanked the regiment for the manner in which it had upheld the name of Edmonton. "It is one of the greatest days in the history of the city," he said as he paid his respects to the officers and men of the returning unit.

Hon. E. C. Manning, Alberta's premier, spoke for the people of the entire province when he said that the reception which had been tendered to the unit was only an indication of the deep gratitude of the people of Alberta.

Lt.-Col. W. T. Crompton, on behalf of his officers and men, thanked the people of Edmonton for the home front support they had given so unstintingly to their men overseas. The occasion, he said, marked the end of a long hard trek to many corners of the world, from Spitzbergen to Sicily.

The commanding officer paid tribute to the memory of those "whose sacrifice made this day possible," those who will not be home in Edmonton again.

In recognition of the loyal home front service given by Edmonton and its people, Col. Crompton on behalf of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the unit presented two hand-carved plaques bearing the regimental badge to Mayor J. W. Fry for the city of Edmonton and to Mrs. W. A. Griesbach who accepted the crest for the 49th Association.

Col. Crompton paid tribute as he presented the latter to the memory of the gallant soldier, Gen. Griesbach, who had laid the foundation for the regimental esprit-de-corps.

Mrs. Griesbach did not, nor was she expected to make a reply, but Mayor Fry, holding aloft the plaque for the people of Edmonton to see, declared that it would be treasured for all time by civic authorities.

Brigadier Jefferson, Col. Hale announced, had asked that he be not called upon to make any speech, but when the crowd cheered and insisted that he make a few remarks the brigadier expressed his hope that he would in time be able to meet all the men personally, "and to shake the hand of most of you."

The ceremony over, the parade returned to the C.N.R. station where relatives had been entertained by the R.C.A.F. Band while their men were away on the parade.

Arrangements were made for them to pick up their baggage, cash cheques, change English to Canadian money, and in general clean up whatever odds and ends were left to do before they went on their disembarkation leave.

A well attended dance at the Memorial Hall later in the evening brought hundreds of former regimental associates together.

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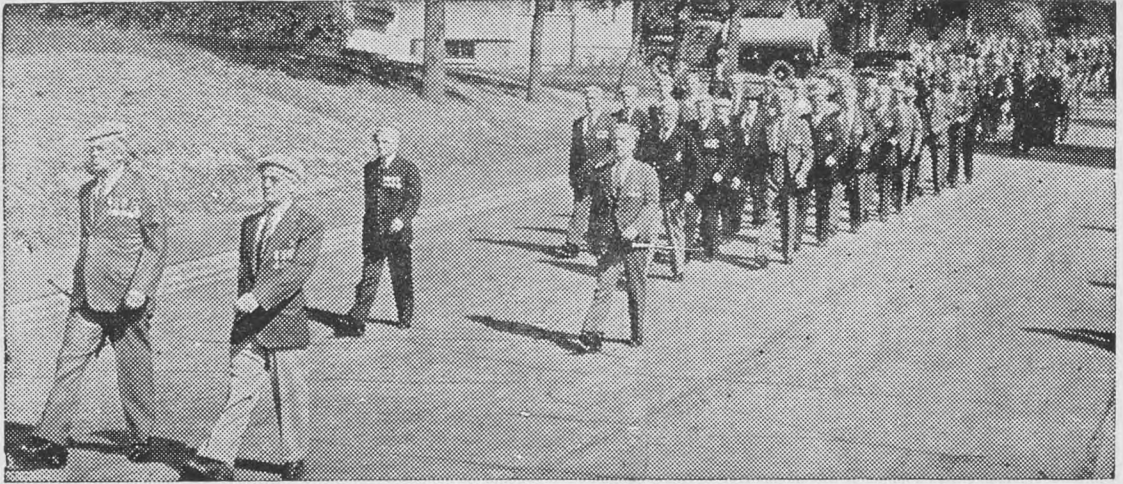
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Above is shown the head of the Association's Annual Church Parade, held on July 29th, in which both old and new veterans joined.

Padre Demands Fair Treatment for Veterans in Sermon at Drumhead Service

Major Bailey Recalls Trip Over Ground Hallowed by Old Battalion—Refers to Gen. Griesbach—Speaks on Price of Freedom.

Forty-Niner veterans of both world wars were on parade Sunday, July 29th, at the annual drumhead church service in the Legislative Buildings grounds to pay tribute to fallen comrades. It was the 19th annual church parade of the Association, and about two hundred took part. Men who fought in France and Belgium with the old 49th were joined by their younger brothers who had returned after serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Sicily, Italy and Northwestern Europe. Many relatives and friends of the veterans, and hospital patients from Colonel Mewburn Pavilion attended the service.

Wearing medals, berets and arm bands, the old veterans, with a few khaki-clad men of the Hitler war, assembled on the Market Square, and marched behind Lieut.-Col. L. C. Harris to the terraced grounds of the Legislative Buildings by way of Jasper Avenue and 107th Street. At the grounds, Major E. J. Bailey, who served as chaplain with the Loyals in Sicily and Italy, was the principal speaker, taking as his subject, "Price of Our Freedom."

In his address, Major Bailey said that the greatest battle was to come—the battle of reorganizing the world for peace, which would call for the same type and quality of devotion, as well as dogged determination, as was demonstrated on the battlefield. "Lip service is insufficient," he said. "We must see that the men get their just reward for the sacrifices they have made. The welfare of every man, woman and child must be looked after. It is not enough to worry about the welfare of the veterans in the time of peace coming. It will only be enough when we give time, energy and our very life blood to the cause of mankind and peace," he declared.

Veterans were called on to pledge themselves

in loyal service to the memory of their fallen comrades. Major Bailey told of having travelled over the same ground where the men of the 49th Battalion had fought from trenches in the First Great War. He compared the German defeat in that conflict, when the enemy troops marched back to an unscathed homeland, to the decisive beating they received this time when they fought right back to the rubble of Germany.

Major Bailey referred very reverently to the late Major-General Griesbach, and to the silent battalions of the 49th and Loyal Edmontons who could be imagined as reunited "beyond the river."

Rev. E. T. Scragg, chaplain of the Association, conducted the service. Music was provided by the band of the 2nd (R) Battalion, Loyal Edmonton Regiment. The King's colors were carried by Neville Jones and the Regimental colors by Fred Pinell. Major R. C. Arthurs, M.C., was parade marshal and adjutant, with Sid Parsons as sergeant-major.

The return route to the Market Square was by way of 100th Avenue, past the Cenotaph where "eyes right" was given. At 102nd St. and Jasper, His Honor Lieut.-Governor J. C. Bowen took the salute. He was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. R. W. Hale, M.C., area commandant, and by Lieut.-Col. L. C. Harris, commanding officer for the day.

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HECTIC ACTION IN ITALY RECALLED BY NEW 49ER

Close Enough to Pat Jerry on the Head—Heavy Barrage, Many Wounded—Nazi Suicide Attempt.

Sgt. C. A. L. Wismer, member of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, in a news story appearing in the army overseas publication, *Maple Leaf*, declared "if anyone thinks there are no more wild-eyed Nazis left who are willing to die for der Fuehrer, then let him come around and talk to me."

The soldier, husband of Mrs. A. B. Wismer, Hut 6, Ste. 119, Camp 550, backs up his assertion with a story of an experience he and a group of Canadians, including C.S.M. R. W. Ulmer, Castor, had in front of the Senio River, a bit North of Bag-nacavallo, Italy, recently.

With Patrol of 12

Wismer had gone out with a patrol of 12 men to act as covering party for a mine-laying gang.

"I was sure sweating as we made our way to the dyke," he said, "because we were expecting trouble any minute. When we got to our destination, we got into position all along the dyke, spacing out evenly. We were about three feet from the top and we could hear Jerry talking on the other side. We were so close we could reach over and pat them on the head."

Every man in the party was instructed not to fire unless fired upon. The sergeant made sure everyone was all right and then proceeded to a house nearby where a section under Lieut. Austin Frith, Vancouver, was waiting. He had "just nicely" got into the house, had lighted a cigarette and was settling down when the Germans started to lay down a barrage."

"The stretcher-bearers and I patched up 15 of

our boys in quick succession," he related. Finally there was a call for more stretcher-bearers and C.S.M. Ulmer went out to take over. They had cleared the house of the last casualties when they heard a shout from upstairs that some Jerries were headed towards the place.

Saw Men Approach

Here the story-telling switches to Pte. R. J. Morgan, Capell, Ont., who was keeping watch from a top-storey window.

"I was on guard at the upstairs window," he reported, "when over the bank came four Germans as coolly and unconcerned as you please. Two had a basket slung between them. The other two carried Schmeissers. There was a lot of lead flying around but they paid no attention. I quickly upped my tommygun, took aim and let fly. The two carrying the weapons dropped and started rolling down the steep bank. The other two with the basket slung between them kept coming. They acted like crazy men. I heaved a grenade at them but they didn't stop."

"When they got close to the house, they seemed to throw themselves forward. At the same time I heard them yell 'Heil Hitler!' Then came a terrific blast and the house caved in on one side."

Wismer escaped unhurt. He said, "there is no doubt in my mind that it was a straight suicidal attempt. The explosives in the basket had been fixed to go off a short time after the Germans appeared."

51st Battalion Elects Officers

W. Macgregor was elected president of the 51st Battalion association at the general meeting held last November in the Memorial Hall. Annual dinner of the association will be held at the Corona Hotel, Feb. 16th.

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Messages, Orders, Memos Recall Battle of Other Days in France

Official Versions of Cambrai and Other Battles—Memory of Many an Old 49er
Will Be Refreshed by These Official Notes.

7th CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE B.W. INSTRUCTION No. 1

Ref. Map—

B.W. SECRET No. 1

1/20,000.

SECRET

Copy No. 13

25-9-18.

1. (a) On a date to be notified later the Canadian Corps will attack with the object of forming a defensive flank to troops operating further South.

(b) The attack will be delivered by the 4th Canadian Division on the Right and the 1st Canadian Division on the Left.

The 3rd Canadian Division will be in support and the 2nd Canadian Division will be in Reserve.

(c) The 4th Canadian Division and 1st Canadian Division will capture the BLUE LINE and exploit to the YELLOW LINE.

(d) When the BLUE LINE has been gained the 4th Canadian Division will narrow its frontage to the left to permit the 3rd Canadian Division to advance in line with it to the capture of the BROWN LINE and to the exploitation of the country beyond.

(e) The advance of the 57th Division Imperial on our Right from the BLUE LINE will be carried out by the 170th Brigade.

(f) The 12th Canadian Infantry Brigade are capturing the BLUE LINE in the 4th Canadian Division Area.

(g) The 3rd Canadian Division will be concentrated prior to "Z" day in the Area NORTH of QUEANT.

(h) Order of employment of Brigades of 3rd Canadian Division is:

1. 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.
2. 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade.
3. 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

2. ACTION OF 7th CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

(a) Prior to "Z" Day.

The Brigade will move from present area to the area just NORTH of QUEANT.

(b) On "Z" Day.

(1) The Brigade will be prepared to move forward after Zero hour and take over frontage from the 4th Canadian Division as shown on map and to attack from the BLUE LINE. Further instructions concerning the advance will be issued later.

(2) Order of Employment of Battalions will be as follows:

The R.C.R.

P.P.C.L.I.

49th Cdn. Battalion.

42nd Cdn. Battalion.

The O/C 7th Cdn. T. M. Battery will be prepared to detail two guns each to each of the above Battalions.

(3) The following probable situations, with the consequent action of the 3rd Canadian Division have been laid down by the 3rd Canadian Division.

(a) The enemy in full retreat and not holding the MARCOING Line.

In this case the 3rd Canadian Division will continue to advance with the primary object of seizing a bridgehead in the N.E. Corner of CAMBRAI.

(b) The enemy is holding the MARCOING LINE south of the CAMBRAI Road, but the 4th

Canadian Division have succeeded in getting a footing in RAILLENCOURT AND SAILLY.

In this case the 3rd Canadian Division will work around through RAILLENCOURT and roll up the MARCOING LINE from the North, and then proceed as in (a) above.

(c) The enemy are holding the MARCOING LINE in strength and the 4th Canadian Division have been unable to gain a footing in RAILLENCOURT. In this case 3rd Canadian Division will not advance against the MARCOING LINE till the Artillery situation permits of the advance being carried out under a proper barrage.

(d) The enemy are counter-attacking the 4th Canadian Division on the BLUE LINE.

In this case an immediate counter offensive by the 3rd Canadian Division through the 4th Canadian Division would probably lead to our occupation of the MARCOING LINE on the heels of the enemy.

(e) It must be remembered, however, that the Corps is responsible for protecting the left flank of the 3rd Army, and therefore, the 3rd Cdn. Division must keep in close touch with 57th Division on its right and conform to the latter's movements.

3. MACHINE GUNS.

No. 2 Company, 3rd Battalion, C.M.G.C. has been allotted to the Brigade for the operation.

One Battery will be allotted to each Battalion and Battery Commanders have been instructed to get in touch with the Battalion to which they are allotted.

In the preparation of Battalion schemes every advantage must be taken of the ability of Machine Guns to furnish direct covering fire.

Further instructions concerning Machine Guns will be issued later.

4. ARTILLERY AND TANKS.

Instructions will be issued later.

6. ENGINEERS.

Special parties are being detailed to assist Battalions in reconnaissance for land mines and other "booby" traps.

7. ROUTES.

Instructions will be issued later covering routes of advance from concentration area.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A.G. STYLES, Major.

Brigade Major,

25-9-18.

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7th CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS REFERENCE PRISONERS OF WAR

Sept. 26, 1918.

1. Special attention should be paid to 3rd Canadian Division I.C.488 of 25th September, 1918, as it is most essential that higher formations should receive early notice of identifications.

2. Lieut. J. ANDERSON, 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters will be officer in charge of prisoners. He will be assisted in his duties by a staff of 9 O.R.'s.

3. Headquarters of O.C. Prisoners will be established at 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade Report Centre.

3. Some prisoners of war will, no doubt, be used as stretcher carrying parties but Battalions will see that these are not all selected from same Unit, for a number from each identified Battalion are required for speedy examination.

5. All prisoners not required for stretcher work will be taken under escort to Lieutenant Anderson, who will have charge of conducting them to the rear.

6. Prisoners should be escorted in large convoys to Lieutenant Anderson and not sent in small parties.

7. Information reference civilians will be sent to Lieutenant Anderson who will be responsible for disposal of same.

sgd. T. B. MALONE, Captain
Staff Captain,
7th Canadian Inf. Bde.

26-9-1918.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

To 49th Bn.
B.M.34. 27th.

The Brigade is to be prepared to take over the BLUE LINE from the 11th C.I.B. The P.P.C.L.I. and R.C.A. will move forthwith to EIHA and be ready to take over the new frontage AAA On arrival in EIHA O.C.'s. will report to Brigade H.Q. for instructions. AAA.

From: 7th C.I.B. 3:50 p.m. A. G. Staff, Major.

To Bns.

B.M.22 27th.

12th C.I.B. are going to attack the MARCOING LINE under a barrage aaa. The P.P.C.L.I. will be prepared to exploit aaa. In the event of the attack failing the R.C.R. will be prepared to make a deliberate attack supported by the P.P.C.L.I. aaa. Further instructions will be issued on arrival in 2nd Assembly area aaa. Bns. will move forward to 2nd Assembly area on time laid down.

From: 7th C.I.B.

27-9-1918.

42nd Bn.

49th Bn.

You will be prepared to move forward to area WEST of BOURLON VILLAGE at short notice. Reconnaissance parties should go forward to select areas. The area within a radius of 300 yards of (Bde. H.Q.) appears to be heavily shelled and should be avoided. The situation now is that First Div. hold HAYNECOURT, 4th Div. (Can) hold BLUE LINE and are pushing out to YELLOW LINE. aaa 63rd Div. have taken CRAIN COURT and ANNEUX and our troops have entered CAN-TAING. Large number of prisoners now reported. aaa Reconnaissance parties should be sent forward to keep in touch with the situation on the 11th C.I.B. front, same as 3rd Can. Div. front.

sgd. A. G. STYLES,
6:00 p.m. 7th C.I.B.

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ALBERTA

7th C.I.B.
N.122. 29th.

I have just returned from a personal reconnaissance of my line in the centre and on left. My scout officer is gaining touch with front line Bn. on right and also the 9th Bde. on the right of our Bde. frontage. My second-in-command has been forward to reconnoitre south of RILLEN-COURT village and reports that no elements of 7th C.I.B. are North of Arras Cambrai road which the 58th Bn. are still south of the Road and stationary at about F.4.a. I do not think there is any difficulty in going through the MARCOING systems as there appears to be little fire from these trenches. The main trouble appears to be on the right flank. Heavy machine gun fire is being experienced from high ground West of ST. OLLEY and from the Arras-Cambrai Road as far as the cemetery in F.6.a. Machine gun fire from the high ground West of ST. OLLEY is very heavy and is such that direct enfilade can be brought upon troops endeavoring to push through MARCOING LINE south of village of SAILLY.

Might I suggest a concentrated shoot with heavies is placed on village of ST. OLLEY and System of trenches in E.6.c. This coupled with a simultaneous push on 9th Bde. frontage would enable line to go forward.

(Unsigned, Ed.)
28th Sept., 1918.

Am now at F.4. central in touch with some R.C.R. and No. 2. Coy. P.P.C.L.I.

Your message N.123 just received as I was writing above to tell you of the situation.

I was along a piece of MARCOING LINE and also although the R.C.R. are having trouble I think we could take the system with a small bom-

bardment. What is required is more artillery on STOLLE and if the wind is favorable, a smoke barrage.

The hill ST. OLLIE is quite a prominent ridge and they are causing most of our casualties from M.G. fire from there and carefully observed artillery.

If you want us to take MARCOING LINE just send us lots of bombs and we will do it.

If possible let my runner know where A Coy. is.

Sgd. D. F. J. TOOLE, Capt.,
O.C. "B" Coy. 12:40 p.m.

D Coy.
To O.C.

Our scouts report that the P.P.C.L.I. are holding through X.284.29 central and that the R.C.R.'s. are dug in on Cambrai Rd. Our position remains unchanged. Am trying to keep in touch with the situation forward.

Sgd. R. W. HALE,
O.C. "D" Coy.

Time 1 p.m. by runner.
D Company
To O.C.

49th Can. Bn.
28-9-18.

Company is at present dug in F.4. central. Two platoons forward, one in support, one in reserve.

Have reconnoitred forward and find matters at a standstill. P.P.C.L.I. and not B Coy. are ahead of us. My scouts are trying to locate B Coy. Will report any further developments. Coy. H.Q. F.4. Cent.

Casualties, light.

Sgd. R. W. HALE, Capt.,
O.C. "D" Coy.

By runner, time 9:45 a.m.
J.T.4.

28 Sept., 1918.

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We are watching their movements and will not follow too close.

Do not know anything about the situation in front. A is not in touch with any of 9th Bde. so don't know how they are getting along and B on left is not in touch with 4th Div. Both are getting quite a few casualties from shelling.

Wounded: "A" Coy., Lieut. SPEERS; "B" Coy., Lieut. WALTER, Lieut. MATHESON.

Walter will tell you of situation.

Sgd. C. K. FLINT, Lieut., O.C. "A" Coy.

D. F. J. TOOLE, Capt., O.C. "B" Coy.

9:15 a.m.

C.O. 49th Bn.

D. Coy. slightly forward sunken road which we now occupy.

Capt. Taylor orders us to use own discretion when to advance if we did not receive orders from him in the meantime. Capt. Hale has gone forward to look over situation and we have mutual agreement if D advances C will also from this point.

A. A. CAMPBELL, Lieut., "C."
28-9-1918.

Intelligence Officer,

R.C.R., P.P.C.L.I., 42nd Bn., 49th Bn.

Report Centre a/Staff Capt. will be at advanced Bde. H.Q. F.i.a.80.80 during early part of operations. The next move will be to MARQUION LINE, aaa. All possible efforts will be made to advise you of subsequent moves. O.C. prisoners will be at F.l.a.80.80 thence to Bde. H.Q. in Marquion Line where he will remain.

Sgd. T. B. MALONE, Capt.

7th CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS No. B.M. 100/4.

Ref. Map.

SAILLY, 1/20,000.

SECRET

Copy No. 5.

29-9-1918.

1. INFORMATION.

(a) Our line now runs to SAINCOURT inclusive.

(b) The 4th Canadian Division and the 3rd Canadian Division are continuing the advance on the morning 30th September.

(c) The enemy is holding the Railway Cutting in S.20.d. and S.27.a. and NEUVILLE ST. REMY.

2. (a) The attack of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade will be carried out by the P.P.C.L.I. and R.C.R. The 42nd Cdn. Battalion and the 49th Cdn. Battalion will stand fast in present positions, and will be prepared to support the attack if required.

(b) The P.P.C.L.I. will be responsible for capturing the high ground up to and including the hamlet of TILLOY and will secure bridgehead at PONT D'AWÉ.

(c) The R.C.R. will be responsible for making good the remainder of the spur to the North-east to approximately S.17.b. and will move forward into RAMILLIES, and secure a bridgehead at this point.

3. ASSEMBLY.

(a) The P.P.C.L.I. will assemble prior to zero hour in S.19.a. and b, as close to the DOUAI-CAMBRAI ROAD as possible.

(b) The R.C.R. will assemble approximately in the rear of the P.P.C.L.I.

4. ACTION OF ARTILLERY.

The attack will be carried out under a rolling barrage which will operate in accordance with barrage map issued to those concerned.

5. ACTION OF ATTACKING BATTALIONS.

(a) The P.P.C.L.I. will make good their objective on the spur under protection of the first phase of the barrage.

(b) The R.C.R. will move forward from their assembly position in sufficient time to get into position behind the barrage on the line. S.22.d. 5.O-S. 15 central; they will then advance under the second phase of the barrage to make good their objective.

6. MACHINE GUNS.

The O.C. No. 2 Coy., 3rd Bn. C.M.G.C. is arranging co-operation of machine guns.

7. STOKES MORTARS.

The O.C., 7th Cdn. T.M. Bty. will arrange to bring all available Stokes Trench Mortar fire on the Railway Cutting.

8. ZERO HOUR.

ZERO HOUR will be 6:00 a.m., September 30th.

9. TANKS.

Three Mark IV tanks will co-operate and will be formed up prior to Zero Hour about S.19.d.

Two tanks will move at once to the Mill and Chapel in S.15 and after dealing with this point will move South along the line of the road to TILLOY.

The third tank will move South-east along the line of the normal guage railroad in S.20.b. and D-S.27.a.

10. The 42nd, 49th and 2nd C.M.R. Battalions will withdraw any forward troops to a line 200 yards South-west of the DOUAI-CAMBRAI ROAD by one hour before Zero.

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Brigade Major, 7th CCdn. Inf. Brigade.

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B. M. R. 100/5.

3rd Canadian Division "G."

R.C.R.

P.P.C.L.I.

42nd Canadian Bn.

49th Canadian Bn.

Reference 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade instructions—B.M.R. 100/4 dated 29-9-18.

At ZERO plus 90 minutes the 42nd Canadian Battalion will move forward from present position, and will send two companies into the Railway Cutting on their immediate front, and two companies will go forward in support of the R.C.R. to the Sunken Road in S.15.b and d, from which position they will be prepared to support the R.C.R.

The P.P.C.L.I. after capturing TILLOY will be responsible for holding the right flank of the Brigade.

The 49th Canadian Battalion will be in Brigade Reserve, and will re-organize and await further orders in their present area.

Acknowledge.

A. G. STYLES, Major.

Brigade Major, 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.
29-9-18.

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7th CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS

Reference B.W. Secret Map No. 1.

SECRET—Copy No. 5.

1. The Canadian Corps will continue the advance tomorrow. The 3rd Canadian Division will take over frontage as indicated from the 4th Canadian Division on the BLUE LINE.

2. The attack of the 3rd Canadian Division will be carried out by the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade on the Right and the 7th Canadian Infantry on the Left.

Inter Brigade Boundary—F.9. central, Church Tower ST ALIE, A.1.c.4.4.—S.27.c.9.0.—Canal at A.4.2.3, thence along L'ESCAUT CANAL.

3. The following are objectives of 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade:

(a) MARCOING LINE.

(b) Road from A.2.c.4.9 to X.30.a.2.3.

(c) Railway from Right Boundary—S.28.c.—S.20.B.

(d) The BROWN LINE and the exploitation of country beyond.

4. (a) The R.C.R. attacking on a two company front will be responsible for objectives (a) and (b) above.

(b) The P.P.C.L.I. will advance in close support to the R.C.R. on their attacking on objectives (a) and (b).

On objective (b) being taken the P.P.C.L.I. will pass through the R.C.R. and make good objectives (c) and (d).

(c) The 49th Canadian Battalion will follow in the rear of the P.P.C.L.I. and take over a one company frontage of approximately 400 yards to the left from the Right Brigade Boundary on objective (b) and will advance in line with the P.P.C.L.I. on objectives (c) and (d).

The main object of the 49th Canadian Battalion being in addition to making good their portion of objectives (c) and (d) the denial of the Right Flank of the Brigade to the enemy, and the

seizing of the bridgeheads over L'ESCAUT Canal in our area.

5. The 42nd Canadian Battalion will move from preliminary assembly area in E.6.a. at ZERO plus 1 hour to the BLUE LINE. When objective (b) has been taken the Battalion will move forward to the Marcoing Line, but will not advance beyond this position without further orders.

6. ACTION PRIOR TO ZERO HOUR.

The Brigade will be concentrated in the Area, E.6.a. and b., night 27th/28th September.

The R.C.R. will move prior to Zero to positions of assembly in immediate rear of the BLUE LINE.

The 49th Canadian Battalion will move from Preliminary Assembly Area in E.6. at Zero hour.

7. ARTILLERY.

The attack up to objective (c) will be carried out under a creeping barrage, moving 100 yards in 4 minutes; the barrage will commence on a line 200 yards East of BLUE LINE. Special arrangements will be made for artillery support beyond objective (c).

8. MACHINE GUNS.

One battery of No. 2 Company, 3rd Bn., C.M. G.C. has been allotted to each Battalion.

9. STOKES MORTARS.

Two guns will be allotted to the R.C.R.—P.P. C.L.I.—49th Canadian Battalion.

10. TANKS.

Four tanks are allotted to the Brigade for operation from the BLUE LINE.

The R.C.R. will make their own arrangements for obtaining two tanks that are kept in reserve to assist them in reaching their final objective.

11. REPORTS.

All reports will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. until Zero plus 90 minutes, when they will be sent to Report Centre approximately F.5.c.6.3.

12. MOVEMENT OF BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

Brigade Battle Headquarters will be established at F.1.b.0.8. prior to Zero Hour, and will move from this point at a time to be notified later to the MARCOING LINE approximately F.5.c.6.3.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(B.M.100) Sgd. A. G. STYLES, Major.
Brigade Major, 7th Canadian Inf. Brigade.
28-9-1918.

30 Sept., 1918.

In the event of the bridgeheads not being secured by the leading battalions, the 42nd Bn. will be prepared to seize these points and will plan accordingly.

From 7 C.I.Bde.

3:30 a.m. Sgd. ERIC OSBORNE, Capt.

ENEMY DEFENCES, ETC.

SUB-SECTOR OF 7th CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

1. The crossing of CANAL DU NORD will be along routes established by 4th Canadian Division, details of which will be communicated.

2. The CANAL DU NORD Line, which in this sub-sector consists of strong wire and trenches, will also be crossed by routes already established by the 4th Canadian Division.

3. MARQUION Line is a support to the CANAL DU NORD Line, and will also be taken by the 4th Canadian Division. It is reported by two escaped aviators who crossed it just North of our line of advance as "a deep and wide trench system, apparently under construction."

4. Belts of low wire exist in the zone between

MARQUION Line and MARCOING Line in the sector next North. Described as offering no difficulty. Same may be expected on our front.

5. MARCOING LINE. This Line is part of the task of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade. Described as a shallow line, wire fairly strong.

6. ST. OLLE VILLAGE. A small trench system, apparently shallow, exists in front of village.

7. Trenches in A.7.d. and A.18.b. About 1000 yards South of ST. OLLE. May have been commenced as part of a MARCOING Support Line, (see ST. OLLE and PROUILLE), or may be training trenches developed for adjoining aerodrome. They command part of frontage of Division on our right.

8. ESCAUT CANAL. Bridges in 7th Canadian Infantry Bde. Area.

Place—Cambrai (Pont-a-Selles)

Road—Paris—Lille.

Place Cambrai (Pont Rouge).

Road—Connecting suburbs Neuville St. Remy and Fbg. St. Roch.

Place—Cambrai.

Road—Railway double line. Cambrai—Douai.

Place—Norechies.

Road—Traffic Bridge—Norechies—Cambrai.

Place—Escaudoeuvres. (Pont Erre. Lock No. 3)

Road—Iron bridge, 2 spans—Escaudoeuvres to Norechies, Ramillies—Blecourt.

9. ESCAUT CANAL.

North of Cambrai the river ESCAUT is canalized and the valley fairly dry. The slopes on either bank are gradual, western bank slightly steeper. At MORENCHIES and RAMILLIES woods run down to water's edge, ground in the neighborhood being intersected with small ditches. The most practical site for a temporary bridge other than existing sites would be between RAMILLIES and the CHATEAU on the eastern bank on the northern outskirts of ESCAUDOEUVRES.

10. CAMBRAI—DOUAI—RAILWAY.

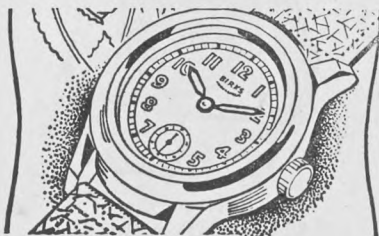
From North to South the railway runs in a cutting in S.20.b. thence to level to the railway arch at S.27.a.3.8. thence southwards is banked for 200 yards and cut for 250 yards in S.27.b.1.

7th Canadian Infantry Bde. Secret Copy No. 1
Instructions No. 100/6/ 30-9-18.

1. The Canadian Corps is continuing the advance on October 1st.

The advance of the 3rd Canadian Division will be made by 9th Cdn. Inf. Bde. who will pass through the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. at a time to be notified later.

2. The attack will be made under a barrage which will come down on the line S.28.a.7.0.—S.



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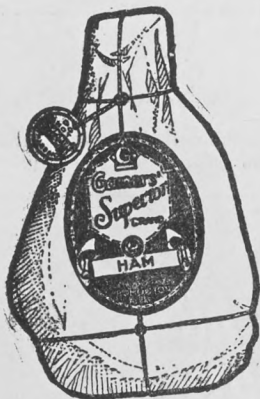
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15.c.0.3. The jumping off line will be run from S.28.a.1.0 to S. 14.d.7.0.

In order to cover the assembly of the 9th Cdn. Inf. Bde. and for the protection of our position the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. will remain in present position until zero minus (1) hour. At this time all detachments of the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. ahead of the jumping off line will be withdrawn to the rear of the jumping off line to allow the barrage to come down.

3. The withdrawal will on no account be made before the above time and when it is being made every precaution will be taken to prevent the enemy learning of our action.

4. Steps will be taken as soon as possible after Zero hour to re-organize units.

5. Dispositions to be made will be notified later.

6. Acknowledge.

A. G. STYLES, Major.

Brigade Major, 7th Canadian Inf. Brigade.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY 49th CANADIAN BATTALION EDMONTON REGIMENT—WEST AND NORTH OF CAMBRAI, SEPTEMBER 27th, 28th, 30th and OCTOBER 1st, 1918.

Reference Maps: 51 B.S.E.; 57 C.N.E.; SAILLY.

1. PRELIMINARY.

The number of Officers and Other Ranks engaged in the operations, was as follows:

Officer Commanding—Major A. P. Chattell, D.S.O.

2nd in Command—Capt. B. H. Taylor, M.C.

Adjutant—Capt. H. G. Nolan.

Medical Officer—Capt. H. G. Young, D.S.O.,

3 Junior Officers.

"A" Company—O.C. Lieut. C. K. Flint, with 3 junior officers.

"B" Company—O.C. Capt. D. F. J. Toole, M.C. with 3 junior officers.

"C" Company—O.C. Lieut. L. D. Campbell, M.C. with 3 junior officers.

"D" Company—O.C. Capt. R. W. Hale, with 3 junior officers.

Liaison Officers—Lieut. C. A. Martin, M.M., with 7th C.I. Bde.; Lieut. J. S. C. Skeele, with P.P.C.L.I.; Lieut. T. R. Tipton, with R.C.R.

Other Ranks—Headquarters, 72; "A" Company, 126; "B" Company, 140; "C" Company, 140; "D" Company, 128. Total—26 officers and 606 other ranks.

The Battalion embussed at BERNEVILLE at 10:00 p.m., September 26th, debussing at the Cross Roads in U.27.B. and marched to the concentrating area east of BULLECOURT, arriving at 5:00 a.m., September 27th.

Soon after arrival Major Chattell attended conference at Brigade Headquarters and on return held conference of Company Commanders. An untimed order was received at 8:30 a.m. for the Battalion to move and all Companies were on the move by 9:00 a.m.

The Battalion arrived in the First Assembly Area West of INCHY at 11:00 a.m. and half an hour later moved to second ASSEMBLY AREA, the CANAL DU NORD being crossed without trouble and occupied position in E.9.A. by 12:50 p.m.

At 3:50 p.m. Battalion received warning from Brigade to be ready to move on short notice to E.11.A., the Brigade to relieve the 11th C.I. Bde. in the Line.

At 9:45 p.m. Major Chattell proceeded to Brigade Headquarters. At 9:50 p.m. further or-

ders received from Brigade and the Battalion moved to area in E.6.A.

Upon Major Chattells return, conference of Company Commanders was called and disposition arranged.

This area heavily shelled by the enemy during the night and light casualties ensued.

2. NARRATIVE.

Sept. 28th.

5:30 a.m.—The Battalion moved from area in E.6.a. to support P.P.C.L.I. in the attack.

6:00 a.m.—Barrage opened and enemy retaliation practically nil. Machine Gunners (No. 2 Company, 3rd C.M.G. Bn.) joined the Battalion whilst moving forward.

6:30 a.m.—Companies still moving forward and no opposition met with between jumping off trench and the MARCOING LINE.

8:30 a.m.—Opposition being met with in MARCOING LINE and advance stopped. Lieuts. Miles and Speers wounded.

8:35 a.m.—Report received that enemy artillery and machine gun fire from MARCOING LINE and PROVILLE had held up the advance.

9:00 a.m.—Instructions sent to rear for Lieuts. Hill and Denford to report to replace casualties.

9:05 a.m.—G.O.C. Brigade visits Battalion Hqrs. F.3.b.6.3.

9:30 a.m.—Lieut Holloway, Scout Officer, proceeded to right of Battalion front to ascertain precise situation. Major Chattell proceeded forward to reconnoitre and at the same time Capt. Tayler proceeded forward to reconnoitre MARCOING LINE South of BAILLENCOURT.

11:30 a.m.—A full report of the situation was made to Brigade Lieut. Walter and Lieut. Matheson wounded.

12:00 noon—Capt. Nolan (Adjutant) wounded. Enemy shelling CAMBRAI ROAD N.E. of BAILLENCOURT persistently.

1:05 p.m.—Situation report received from O.C. "D" Coy., giving positions of R.C.R. and P.P.C. L.I.

2:00 p.m.—Further situation report forwarded to Bde.

2:15 p.m.—Lieuts. Hill and Denford report to replace casualties.

3:30 p.m.—Instructions verbally received over telephone from G.O.C. Brigade to prepare to pass through the R.C.R. and attack in the course of a few hours. First Objective—MARCOING System E.5. Final Objective—Broad Gauge Railway running through S.20.d. and S.27.A.

4:00 p.m.—Headquarters shelled out of F.3.b.6.3. and moved to Sunken Road F.4.a.2.3.

5:00—Verbal instruction finally received that attack would take place at 7:00 p.m. with 49th Battalion on right end, P.P.C.L.I. on the left, supported by barrage and 2 tanks.

5:30—O.C. called conference of Company Commanders and arranged disposition of Companies.

6:00 p.m.—Battalion Headquarters moved to F.4.A.2.2.

7:00 p.m.—Zero hour, tanks not in evidence. Barrage opened and Battalion attacked with "A" and "B" Companies in the front line, right to left respectively, "D" Company in support and "C" Company in Reserve.

Headquarters and vicinity heavily shelled for period of one hour.

In the attack no serious opposition was met with between jumping off point and the first objective. Attack swung N.E. and progress made towards Sunken Road in A.l.b. and D. The line was held up in F.6.c. by heavy machine gun fire from

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ST. OLLIE. "D" Company here caught up with "B" Company and were ordered by Capt. Toole to remain in this position until further orders whilst he moved "B" Company forward across road to F.6.a., but owing to intense darkness direction was difficult to maintain and elements of "A," "B" and "C" Companies became intermingled.

9:00 p.m.—Battalion Headquarters moved forward to dugout in old German Front Line F.5.b. 00.30.

O.C., accompanied by Scout Officer, left to make personal reconnaissance of front line and found "B" Coy. and parts of "A" and "D" Companies held up in Sunken Road running N. and S. through A.l.b. and d. North of the CAMBRAI Road, "C" Company close up in F.6.a.

O.C. and Scout Officer pushed forward and got in touch with enemy at S.25.c.3.8. Casualties had been severe, mostly from M.G. fire from the right in the direction of ST. OLLIE.

9:30 p.m.—Lieut. I. Mooney reported to take over duties of Adjutant.

9:45 p.m.—Lieut. Greenfield reported wounded.

11:50 p.m.—Dispositions of "B" and "A" Companies personally reported by Lieut. Flint, O.C. "A" Company.

12:00 midnight 28th/29th.—Major Chattel held telephonic conversation with G.O.C. Brigade and explained situation.

During the night the Battalion suffered severely from heavy machine gun fire and gas shelling. "D" Company withdrew to road running through F.6.a.

2:30 a.m.—O.C. in telephonic conversation with G.O.C. Brigade received instructions to push forward the attack at 8:00 a.m. preceded by a protective barrage of 20 minutes and thence with creeping barrage to final objective.

3:00 a.m.—Conference of Company Commanders and final instructions given for continuation of the attack. "A" and "B" Companies to jump off from present locations, "D" in support and "C" in reserve.

3:30 a.m.—O.C. called Brigade Major on telephone and requested assistance of Stokes Mortars to take on special targets in A.l.c.2.6. and A.l.a.5.5.

4:00 a.m.—Two Stokes guns reported to Bn. H.Q. and were provided with guides and guns were placed in required places.

7:00 a.m.—Capt. B. H. Tayler left for forward area.

7:30 a.m.—"A" and "B" Companies were lined up in Sunken Road in A.l.a., "D" Company in position in F.6.c. "C" Company partly with "A" and "B," remainder with "D."

7:45 a.m.—Capt. B. H. Tayler ordered "A" and "B" Companies to move forward and get in position behind light railway A.l.a. and B.

8:00 a.m.—Barrage opened, weak, scattered and with short firing. "A" and "B" Companies moved forward in line with support platoons close up. Enemy outposts in small numbers rushed forward and surrendered. Line moved forward for about 200 yards, men firing from the shoulder. Two enemy machine guns opened fire at a range of 80 yards on the Left company, causing casualties. Right Company's flank ordered forward and hostile guns put out of action. Both front line Company Commanders were killed at this time. Line continued to advance to within 50 yards of railway S.26.c. where 3 hostile machine guns again impeded progress at 100 yards range.

"A" Company's right flank ordered by Captain Tayler to swing around through Valley to

Railway Triangle and outflank the guns. This was done and immediately about 150 of the enemy surrendered. The whole line then advanced down Valley and a party of about 300 of the enemy was seen running towards the DOUAI-CAMBRAI Road through S.27.c. Lewis guns went into action and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. The right Company climbed slope in A.2.b. The left Company moving up in open order. The line covered our front line from flank to flank and direction was correctly maintained.

Elements of the C.M.R. reinforced us at this point and the left went forward until it reached a position S. of light railway left flank approximately S.26.b.6.0. right flank S.27.c.4.0. despite heavy machine gun fire from the front and both flanks. No sign of our troops could be found on right flank. Further advance impossible and casualties very heavy.

10:00 a.m.—Capt. Tayler returned to Bn. H.Q. and reported situation to O.C.

10:10 a.m.—Situation was taken up with Brigade and the serious position of our unsupported flanks and withering fire from hostile guns on right flank reported. Artillery assistance was asked for to suppress machine gun fire in Wood in S.27.d. which continued to cause casualties.

11 a.m.—Scout Officer (Lieut. Holloway) left for front line and found situation improved, left flank of battalion being covered by 42nd Bn. who were across the road in S.20.c. Position of the right flank was still obscure and hostile M.G. fire was constantly reducing strength.

12:00 noon—Enemy counter-attacked on the left flank from railway in S.27.a. and at the same time from road in S.27.c. the latter swinging north with an enveloping movement. The attack was in strength. At the commencement of the attack Lieut. C. T. Baker was the first to seize a Lewis Gun which he mounted on the railway embankment and turned upon the advancing enemy, but was fatally wounded in the head. His splendid example of courage was emulated by the men and the enemy was completely repulsed with heavy casualties, retiring in disorder. Soon afterwards Lieut. Ramsey on the left flank of "D" Coy. sent out a patrol in N.W. direction on the S.W. side of the EPINOY ROAD in charge of L./Cpl. Bowman. This N.C.O. pushed forward his patrol for a distance of 1,000 yards, connecting up with 42nd Battalion in S.20.c. The Company then occupied position along road and occupants of hostile post at S.26.b.30.90 were compelled to withdraw.

1:00 p.m.—Three machine guns of 3rd M.G. Battalion protecting right flank from F.5.c.

3:00 p.m.—Situation slightly improved.

4:00 p.m.—O.C. visited the front line Companies to view the situation and found the enemy had apparently cleared out of ST. OLIE but hostile flanking M.G. fire was still in evidence.

9:00 p.m.—Stretcher parties from rear details evacuating wounded and by early morning all stretcher cases were cleared.

September 30th.

4:00 a.m.—Battalion was ordered to stand fast and be prepared to support R.C.R. and P.P.C.L.I. who were attacking at 6:00 a.m. from the N.W. to the S.E.

8:00 a.m.—Ordered to support No. 1 Company P.P.C.L.I. in hamlet of Tilloy and "C" Company moved forward to their support.

8:30 a.m.—O.C. and Scout Officer went forward to look over the situation.

10:00 a.m.—Battalion H.Q. moved to A.2.a.4.6.

11:00 a.m.—During telephonic conversation

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with G.O.C. Brigade O.C. was asked to go forward and report situation and endeavor to straighten out conflicting reports. O.C. found situation as follows: "C" Company, 49th Battalion, and 1. Company of 2nd C.M.R. were meeting with strong opposition in the hamlet of TILLOY and were unable to gain touch with the P.P.C.L.I. The C.M.R. were disposed astride the railway track running N. and S. through S.27 Central. "C" Company 49th Battalion were holding the railway embankment in S.27.a.

"D" Company were ordered by Major Chattell to support S.W. of DOUAI-CAMBRAI Road. Lieut. Campbell, O.C. "C" Company ordered to push out patrols through villages and deny same to enemy.

1:15 p.m.—Message brought by runner from "C" Company Commander that he had patrols working through the village and had been reinforced by about 150 of the P.P.C.L.I. The R.C.R. supported by the 42nd Battalion were attacking to secure cross-roads in S.15.b.5.l. and situation had slightly improved, Company urgently in need of bombs, grenades and S.A.A.

O.P. established near Bn. Headquarters by Bn. scouts and actions of enemy reported by them at frequent intervals.

1:30 p.m.—Guides sent to report centre to bring up supply of bombs and grenades.

1:55 p.m.—Pte. Parton who had been sent forward in the early morning with Pte. Phelan on special reconnaissance was brought in wounded to Bn. H.Q. and reported to Scout Officer that they had encountered the enemy in TILLOY, his companion had been killed and he himself had been unable to return until "C" Company had entered the village.

2:05 p.m.—Two prisoners brought in to Bn. H.Q. belonging to the 193rd Regt., 220th Division, stating that they had been brought from LENS that morning. They were dispatched to Brigade Headquarters under escort.

2:50 p.m.—Bombs and Grenades arrived and were rushed forward.

4:07 p.m.—Observers reported enemy filtering back towards TILLOY.

4:45 p.m.—O.C. paid visit to 42nd Bn. H.Q. whilst there received instructions verbally over phone to reorganize and hold present positions and forward to Brigade a sketch showing disposition of Companies as they were at that time together with an estimate of strength.

5:00 p.m.—Enemy threw up red and white flares followed by heavy shelling of road between NEUVILLE ST. REMY and TILLOY.

5:15 p.m.—Lieut. Skeel recalled from duties as Liaison Officer with P.P.C.L.I. and put in command of "A" Company.

7:00 p.m.—Lieut. McCrum wounded.

7:05 p.m.—Reported disposition of "C" Company as follows; posts at S.21.d.1.5, S.21.d.7.5., S.27.b.7.9, S.27.b.8.1. H.Q., "C" Coy. in Chateau in TILLOY where P.P.C.L.I. H.Q. were also established

7:08 p.m.—Lieut. T. R. Tipton recalled from Liaison duties with R.C.R. and rejoined "D" Company.

7:20 p.m.—Mules utilized to carry bombs and grenades to forward area.

8:00 p.m.—Bodies of the officers killed in action and which had been brought to Bn. H.Q. during the day, taken to the rear for burial.

11:00 p.m.—Instructions received from Brigade that the 9th C.I. Bde. would attack through the 7th C.I. Bde. in the morning and that all posts

forward of jumping off line must be withdrawn 2 hours before zero; zero being 7:00 a.m. 12:00 Midnight, 30th Sept./Oct. 1st.—O.C. accompanied by runner and scout left for "C" Coy. to give instructions as to disposition during the operations to take place in the morning.

2:30 a.m.—Acting under instructions from Brigade "C" Coy. ordered to withdraw outposts at once instead of 5:00 a.m. as had been previously arranged.

5:00 a.m.—Barrage opened and the 9th Brigade passed through to the attack.

8:00 a.m.—A few prisoners in and situation watched from Bn. O.P.

9:30 a.m.—Colonel McFarlane of the 58th Cdn. Bn. visited Bn. H.Q. and complained of heavy M.G. fire from Wood in S.27.c. This was the same location Major Chattell had informed Brigade about the previous day and which had caused casualties amongst our own men.

11:40 a.m.—Acting under instructions from Brigade O.C. "C" Coy. ordered to take immediate steps to reorganize Company in depth on line of railway cutting in S.21.c. and taking advantage of all possible cover. This move was completed by noon. "A," "B" and "D" Coys. also ordered to reorganize in depth but to remain in present positions.

Position held by "C" Company heavily shelled all afternoon causing casualties.

4:00 p.m.—Lieut. L. D. Campbell and Lieut T. E. Shannon wounded.

5:35 p.m.—Lieut Tipton ordered to assume Command of "C" Company.

5:40 p.m.—Battalion ordered to move at once to Mill at F.I.a. where guides would be met to take Bn. to area allotted.

10:30 p.m.—Move completed.

3. REMARKS.

(a) ARTILLERY — Liaison between artillery and the Battalion was effected throughout the operations especially that of the forward sections in dealing with M.G. Posts which frequently held up progress. The expeditious manner in which they dealt with difficult situations materially assisted the advance. Special mention may be made of the forward section of the 36th Battery under Major McKinnon.

(b) TANKS.—The tanks played no part in the operations of the Battalion. On the night of the 28th they were not in position at zero hour and their absence was felt. Tanks would have materially assisted the advance in the attack on the 29th and 30th of September.

(c) MACHINE GUNS.—Machine guns were the premier weapons of offence and defence during the operations. Captured enemy machine guns were used against hostile planes and during counter attacks. The main opposition was due to the good siting of enemy guns and their concentrated cross-fire.

(d) STOKES MORTARS.—Little opportunity was met with for their use. The ammunition supply still remains an almost insuperable obstacle for their use in modern warfare.

(e) RIFLE GRENADES AND BOMBS—Little opportunity for their use during first two days' operations.

(f) AEROPLANES.—Aeroplanes were little in evidence during the operations, but enemy planes were active throughout, flying at low altitudes over our lines machine-gunning from the air and dropping hand bombs.

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5. CASUALTIES.

KILLED IN ACTION—5 officers; 46 other ranks.

WOUNDED—13 officers; 243 other ranks.

WOUNDED AT DUTY—1 officer; 3 other ranks.

MISSING—1 officer; 8 other ranks.

TOTAL CASUALTIES—19 officers; 300 other ranks.

6. LESSONS LEARNED FROM OPERATIONS.

1. The necessity for keeping constant artillery

fire on spots from which enemy may use machine guns to harass our men whilst digging in. Such spots, chiefly on our right flank, caused us severe casualties on the morning of the 29th.

2. Tanks would have materially assisted our advance and have reduced our casualties on the morning of the 29th.

3. Owing to the difficulty of keeping touch and direction at night, objectives for a night attack should be limited and if possible should have clearly defined land marks.

(4) Dumps of Lewis gun panniers, signal wire, S.A.A. grenades and bombs should be established well forward and marked by a previously arranged sign which would assist in locating them.

(5) Our planes should constantly patrol our lines to prevent harassing of forward infantry by enemy aircraft.

(6) Before Assembly Positions are chosen, the views of the front line commanders should be obtained as to what locations it would be well to avoid on account of their being marked positions for enemy artillery fire.

(7) Far reaching objectives for tired troops result in a patchy advance and subsequent falling back of the advanced elements, often with severe loss. It also weakens the men's faith in their ability to take and hold the objective laid down.

(8) The ration of rum for the men should always be forthcoming when severe fighting is in progress.

(9) When attacking along a flank a Command should be told off to deal with enemy points of resistance which flank our advancing troops as they press forward and later enfilade them. Examples of cases in point: Church at ST. OLIE, wood at NEUVILLE ST. REMY on the morning of the 29th.

(10) The importance of receiving definite and final orders for the successive attacks in sufficient time to admit of those most interested and involved being fully acquainted with the situation. The difficulties of communication with front line company commanders does not appear to be sufficiently appreciated.

(11) The necessity for sufficient composite Maps covering area of operations noticed throughout and it is considered that the issue should be sufficient to permit of all Unit Commanders being supplied before commencement of operations.

7. GENERAL.

Although a separate list of recommendations for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty is being submitted and whilst all ranks are to be commended for their determined and gallant work throughout the operations under the most trying conditions, I desire to specially commend my Acting Second in Command, Captain B. H. Tayler, M.C., for the able and efficient manner in which he handled the front line during the early stages of the attack on the morning of the 29th September.

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O.C. 49th Canadian Battalion,
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With Two Companies of the Regiment in Berlin, Officer Writes Newsy Letter

Mingle with Russian Allies, Vodka Induces Blank Look—Germans Fawn a Little—
Hopes for Home-Coming.

The following newsy letter was received from Major Alon Johnson, and was written when the composite battalion was in and around Berlin.

Major A. M. Johnson,
Loyal Edmonton Regt., Cdn. Army Overseas
17th July, 1945.

Dear 49ers:

I am writing this in Spandau on the western edge of Berlin, where the British occupation force has its C.C.S. There are three of us here—Major Gordon Armstrong, Pte. "Blondie" DeMille, and myself, all hospitalized as a result of a high speed misunderstanding with another jeep in Berlin.

Spandau is, I am told, the original home town of the M.G. 42, that slug-spewing automatic which has made our path from Pachino Beach to Amsterdam such a thorny one. If the guy who invented it is still around, he's in for a rough time if any of the boys of Canadian Berlin Battalion get their hands on him.

Berlin Battalion is set up in the Grunewald, one of the least damaged suburbs of North-west Berlin. The billets aren't half bad, considering the amount of high explosive that has been dumped on this area. The companies are housed in a former S.S. barrack, which has had only one bomb hit. Naturally, the windows are all kaput, but enough glass has been found locally to fix up the windows of all the offices, and the German repair crews are hard at work attending to this.

As you have undoubtedly read in The Journal and The Bulletin, the 49th has only two companies here. They are composite companies, with officers and other ranks drawn from all other companies in the battalion, and using A and B companies as a nucleus. These have since been renamed C and D. companies in the Canadian Berlin Battalion. At present they are commanded by Capt. Jack Mackie and Capt. Ralph Hayter, respectively.

There are plenty of Russians around Berlin, and relations with them are very cordial, although the lack of a common language presents difficulties. In spite of this, though, there's many a Russian wandering around with a Sweet Cap and Export between his lips, and not a few 49ers with that blank look that comes from drinking vodka and smoking Russians cigarettes (which are even worse than they were at Spitzbergen, according to those who were there.) Our bonafide Russian-Canadians, Pte. Bobowski of C Coy., and Cpl. Pofonoff of D Coy., have talked with many Red Army men of varying ranks, and both report that Comrade Stalin's mob seems to be a rough, tough, hard-living, hard-drinking bunch of men. Their discipline seems to be somewhat stricter than ours, and a stroll through the Russian sector includes quite a bit of right-arm P.T. for Lance-corporals and up, since the Russian soldier salutes everybody with stripes, pips or crowns.

The Jerries in Berlin are being very friendly



The group pictured above is A Coy. of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment at Almelo, Holland. It was taken in May, 1945, and was sent from Germany by Major A. M. Johnson. In centre, immediately behind placard, is Major J. A. Dougan, M.C. and Bar; on his right is Capt. E. M. K. McGregor, M.C.; Lieut. S. Grover, C.S.M.; R. Kirkness, and on his left are Lieut. D. Johnstone and C.Q.M.S. Jones.

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in an effort to gain our goodwill. They don't seem to be the least bit conscience-stricken, although they are very sorry to have lost the war. In fact, they seem to feel quite smug, generously to offer us their friendship in spite of the "fact" that we started the war and wrecked their country. In spite of the disadvantages of relaxing the no fraternization policy, certainly some advantage will come from passing some sound Canadian ideas into these badly Goebbellized heads.

Fairly large numbers of expensive, high-speed German cameras are finding their way into kitbags these days. How, or where these things come from seems to be a dark secret, but it's evident the Loyals are not going to leave Berlin empty-handed.

The remainder of the battalion when last heard from, were toughing it out near Utrecht in Holland. Lt.-Col. Bill Cromb, now acting Brigade Commander of second brigade, visited us here in Berlin this week, and gave us some idea of their activities. The syllabus seems to consist largely of softball, yachting and dancing with the odd movie thrown in to relieve the monotony. Of course, fraternizing is completely unrestricted in Holland, and the boys are taking full advantage of it. Mademoiselle from Armentieres has been replaced in this war by Gretchen of Utrecht, the Hag of the Hague, and a thousand other blond beauties. Unlike the mademoiselle, Gretchen usually speaks a fair brand of English, which saves a lot of misunderstandings.

Everybody's thoughts are very much occupied now with going home, but it's very difficult, what with gaps to be filled in the Canadian Occupation Force, to say just who will and who will not be coming home with the battalion. Lt.-Col. Bill Cromb will be bringing the battalion home with Maj. Hal Tucker as 2nd i/c. Maj. Armstrong will not be able to bring his beloved B company home, since his broken hip promises to keep him in a cast for a couple of months. At the present time it seems likely that Maj. John Dougan will command A company, Capt. "Tap" Taplin, B company, Capt. Owen Browne, C company, Capt. Jack Mackie, D company, Capt. Gord Donaldson, support company, and Capt. Jack McBride, headquarters company. Capt. Ed. Boyd, adjutant, and R. S. M. Archie Murray are both fairly sound bets in the "home with the battalion" stakes.

At any rate, the lucky ones will be seeing you in a month or two, and they'll get a much bigger thrill out of marching down Jasper Avenue, than they would out of marching down Unter Den Linden, or any other street in the world.

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MAJOR DOUGAN WEDS CHARMING NETHERLAND LASSIE

Just before the unit left Holland to return home the wedding took place at Almelo, Holland, of Major John Alpine Dougan, M.C. and Bar, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dougan of Edmonton, to Miss Rie Koopman, eldest daughter of Mrs. G. Koopman of Almelo, and the late Mr. Koopman, on Aug. 27th. The ceremony was performed by



MAJOR J. A. DOUGAN
M.C. and BAR

Capt. E. Wright, former padre of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Maj. Dougan returned to Edmonton with the Regiment and his bride will follow him shortly.

Entering the church on the arm of her uncle, J. Koopman, the bride was attired in a floor-length gown of white satin. Her veil was floor-length and held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bridal bouquet of white carnations and lilies.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Ans Koopman, sister of the bride, and Miss Poppy De Young were attired in identical gowns of white satin, each carrying a bouquet of red roses.

Best man was Maj. Alon Johnson, Loyal Edmonton Regiment, of Edmonton. Maj. Harold Tucker, Loyal Edmontons, of North Battleford, Sask., was a bridal attendant. Ushers were provided by the church.

After the ceremony a reception was held at which 150 people were present. The three-tiered wedding cake was decorated with the flash and badge of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and also the red patch of the First Canadian Division, all done in red icing.

Toasts were proposed by the bride's uncle and Lt.-Col. W. T. Cromb, D.S.O., of Edmonton, commanding officer of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment on behalf of the regiment.

Following the reception a tea dance was held, music being supplied by a Canadian Army band.

The couple spent a short honeymoon in Amsterdam.

Celebrate Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Currey were honored on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary, Saturday evening, Nov. 10th, at a reception given by their daughters, Miss Jean Currey and Mrs. Walter Melnyk. More than 65 guests called during the evening and gifts of silver and flowers were received by the honored couple. Mr. Currey served in the 49th Battalion C.E.F., and Mrs. Currey's brother was a Captain in the 1st Battalion. The couple were married in 1920 at St. Mark's Anglican church, Edmonton, by Archdeacon H. A. Alderwood.

Returned to Edmonton Last October

Capt. H. M. Turner was greeted at the station last October by his wife and two children, Maurice and Brian, and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Turner. Bob, who left Edmonton in 1939, in the ranks of the 1st Battalion, found himself at

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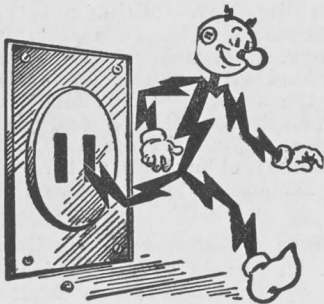
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a loss for words. "I haven't the foggiest idea what I'm going to do," he laughed when questioned as to his future plans. Mrs. Turner is a daughter of the late Col. Hobbins.

Few of the veterans of the Loyals will forget Charlie "Scotty" Burns, who left for overseas with the regiment as a snare drummer in the band and who later "doubled in brass" as a typewriter mechanic in England. Scotty was with the famous "Tin Hats" concert party and with that entertainment organization he had travelled nearly all over the continent of Europe. He was met by his wife and two sons of 8411-118th Avenue.

Legion Publishes Monthly Paper

The "Legion News" issued by the Edmonton Branch, No. 24, appeared last November and it is intended to publish it each month. In this initial issue appeared articles by the officers and others relating to the activities of the branch and material of interest and help to the members. It is mailed free to the members of the branch. We wish this effort of the local branch every success, and feel sure it will benefit the members by keeping contact with all of their men. Of interest to our members was an item regarding our Souvenir Program and reads as follows: "The Souvenir Program prepared for the "Grand Reunion and Welcome Home to Forty-Niners," held in the Prince of Wales Armoury on October 20th, was truly a masterpiece. It is with pleasure the Legion News congratulates the designer and all others responsible. It is a grand piece of work and will without doubt be greatly prized by all who attended."



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Sgt. "Ossie" Powell, M.M.

"Oh, it was just a 'sticky do.'" That was the laconic way Sgt. H. O. W. "Ossie" Powell, M.M., described the manner in which he won his decoration. However, members of his family who clustered around him at the C.P.R. station on Friday evening, Oct. 26, furnished other details, to a reporter, which were reluctantly endorsed by the modest soldier. The exploit which had earned him his decoration concerned a German Tiger tank, a piat gun and a range of between 20 and 30 feet on the stubbornly contested San Fortunato Ridge in Italy.

The tank and its crew came off second best in the encounter, thus removing a very active obstacle in the path of 10 Platoon, "B" company, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, which the sergeant commanded at the time. The platoon was enabled to carry on with its allotted task and the sergeant was cited for his deed, eventually being awarded the medal.

The battle of San Fortunato Ridge was called by a German staff officer, one of the 700 prisoners taken in the brilliant manoeuvre, a "stab in the back."

Sgt. Powell enlisted originally with the Edmonton Fusiliers and after training with that unit at the West coast and in Canada for nearly three years, he was sent overseas, joining the "Loyal Eddies" in Sicily. He stayed with the famous First Division Edmonton unit through most of its battles, but was unable to share in the civic welcome accorded to the unit when it arrived here early in October.

He was met by his wife and small son, Jerry, his brother, Roland, who had just been released from the army after nearly six years' service, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Powell. His home is at 10703-98th St.

Lt.-Col. Tremblay Given Civil Post

Lt.-Col. J. H. Tremblay retired from the army last October and left for Ottawa where he was to receive an appointment with the Commercial Intelligence Service, department of Trade and Commerce.



Lieut. C. J. Mair—Bill's Son

Lieut. C. J. Mair spent leave in Edmonton last summer prior to leaving for Pacific service. He was attached to the frigate "Kirkland Lake" on convoy and support duty off the British Isles and the European coast. The frigate was in the last Canadian navy group to leave the Old Country after V-E Day. Lt. Mair enlisted at H.M.C.S. "Non-such" in November, 1942, later attending King's naval college, Halifax, where he won highest graduation honors. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mair, McLennan, formerly lived at 10712-111 St. His dad, Bill, was with the 49th in the last "bustup."

Stanley Melton Heads League

Twice-wounded and holder of the Military Medal, Stanley, now discharged from the service, was elected to head the Jasper Place community league at the annual meeting last October.

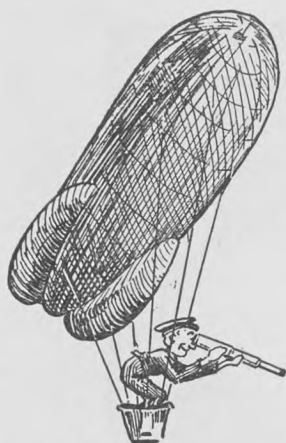
4 Former C.O.'s Now Brigadiers

Promotions to higher rank cost the Loyal Edmonton Regiment four commanding officers during the 2nd Great War. The following were promoted to brigadiers: Brig. E. B. Wilson, E.D.; Brig. G. Kitching, O.B.E., D.S.O.; Brig. J. C. Jefferson, D.S.O. and bar, E.D., and Brig. H.P. Bell-Irving, D.S.O. The Regiment's loss was others' gain, and we feel sure they performed their duty as well and as ably with their other units as with the Loyal Edmontons.

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Where Is My Wandering Boy?

Martin S. Caine, one of the lads of "Steady D," wrote a very interesting letter to Norman Cook to say he had not heard anything of him for years. He has only been in Edmonton twice in the last 15 years and then only for a few days at a time. He is kept very busy with his lumbering business, but hopes to hand over to some

of the younger generation in the near future. Martin was sorry to hear of the passing of "Billy" and said he first met him in 1902. He is pleased at receiving the Forty-Niner regularly on its issue twice a year. His family is now quite grown up. The eldest R. G., is a lieutenant in the R.C.E.M.E. getting his commission after graduating from the University of B.C., where he had taken an active part in military training. No. 2 Marion is a school teacher. No. 3, A. J. has been in France and Germany since D-Day with the Governor-General's Foot Guards, an armoured regiment from Ottawa, driving tanks and other armoured vehicles. Dorothy, is in the Bank of Montreal. Prince George. It is of interest to his friends to know Johnny Caine, an Ace of the Edmonton Squadron, Mosquitoes, is a nephew of Martin. The Caine family appear to be following the very good example set by our Martin. Since writing the above it has been learned that Johnny Caine has been awarded the second bar to D.F.C., and he was interviewed at the C.N.R. station and a broadcast made of his welcome by his family and friends on his return to Edmonton early in November.

Leslie D. Harvey, Hon. Secretary of the Canadian Ex-Servicemen's Association writes from Hastings giving news of the Service of Remembrance held in Heroes' Corner, Hastings Borough cemetery on Dominion Day. His association is considering a National-wide Pilgrimage to Dieppe covering August 19th, 1946, and inviting any of the Canadian Vets to attend. He says Sgt. F. Gale, 49th and of the Royal Artillery this war, is now back from Ceylon and in civvy street.

John M. Robertson, late of 12126-94 St., and now of Shawnigan Lake, Vancouver Island, B.C., sent along a contribution of \$10.00 towards the celebrations to welcome the young battalion back from overseas. John was a piper in the Pats in the last war and was one of those who did so much to keep piping alive in the city and military organizations between the two wars. We wish him all success in his retirement at the Coast, and thank him most sincerely for his splendid contribution.

Kenneth G. Houghton, "KG," enlisted in the 49th Jan. 3, 1915, and was posted to 4 platoon, A coy. He was wounded in the right shoulder, April 1916, and later in July, 1918, suffered from Phlbitis left leg and double pneumonia. KG was discharged April 5, 1919, with the rank of captain.

Length of service, four years. Now is B.C. civil servant at Smithers, B.C., P.O. Box 105. He has a son F/O. Nav. R.C.A.F. Houghton was turned down in this war, but organized two Cadet Corps in local schools in 1939. He is president of the Can. Red Cross at Smithers, and secretary of the Bulkley Valley Branch, Canadian Legion.

H. E. Tanner, D Coy., 49th, was elected to head the executive of the Canadian-Soviet Friendship group at a meeting held early last November.

J. D. B. Harrison, First Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, was presented with a life membership in the association by the members of his family. This was the occasion of his 49th birthday, July 31st, 1945. His family besides Mrs. Harrison consists of A. B. Allan D. Harrison, R.C.N.V.R., John H. Harrison and Mary Anne Harrison. Well, we all wish Jack the very best for his birthday, even if it is somewhat belated, and a hope he sees a good many birthdays.

Geo. Branton, 432551, D Coy., writes from far off Sydney, Australia, to say he still is managing to get around although "old man" time is keeping step with him. He was very sorry to hear of "Billy's" death, and said he couldn't express his sorrow in words, so would quote Mark Antony's summing up of Brutus, "This was a man." "And it applies to our old commander fully." He is glad all this worry and suffering is over now and the war is done with. They were busy receiving the P.O.W.'s. at Sydney and he says, how thin they looked and had been through a lot of punishment. George sends regards to all his old friends, and is still hoping for a win on the sweepstakes to pay a visit back here.

Harold Pinkney, Blairmore, Alta., was pleased to receive a visit this last summer from our Irish Will o' the Wisp, **J. P. Riley**, late of Ponoka and now "possibly" of Vernon, B.C. Riley has been told to reside at the Coast by doctor's orders and travelled to Blairmore with his team and then sold it and travelled the rest of the way by train to Vernon. Harold met and gave his magazine to a Mr. J. B. Harmer of Blairmore, who had a son in the 1st Battalion and he appears in the picture in last July's issue, of the officers taken in Holland.

Lt.-Col. H. E. Balfour, school inspector, and a First and Second War veteran has returned to civil life early last Fall. He was overseas for some time in this war; in the last he was a prisoner of war after his capture at Regina Trench when the 49th Battalion was severely punished in that attack. His son Capt. G. S. Balfour recently returned from overseas and is stationed at Col. Belcher hospital in Calgary with the medical corps.

Charlie Cameron, a B Coy. stalwart was elected president of the Alberta Avenue Curling Club last November. Besides throwing a wicked rock Charlie can trundle a nifty bowl in the summer game.

James M. McGowan, 1st Battalion, who served in the Scotty's in the last war now lives at R.R. 2, Woodbridge, Ontario.

Still pinch hitting down at Calgary, **Tommy Higgleton**, sent along dues for No. 101643, **J. Dignas**, C Coy., and also for **Hammy Linning**, D Coy. Dignas resides at 1133 9 St. East, and Hammy at 1040 Bellvue Ave., Calgary.

Edward Austin Day, M101836, enlisted in June, (year not stated Ed.) in the R.C.A.S.C. He was 18 on enlistment. Joined the 1st Battalion June 11, 1944, and was posted to 5 Med. Reg'tl. platoon. He received two wounds. Discharged, Nov. 7, 1945, with 3 years 5 months service. He is now mechanic at the Technical college, and resides at 121 10 N.E. Calgary. Home address, Box 134, Nanton, Alta.

A life membership in the association was taken out by **Lt.-Col. W. T. "Bill" Cromb**, who was a lieutenant in those hectic days in 1939 when the regiment was first mobilized. Bill is still in the army at last reports. He was awarded the D.S.O. for his services in action, and says he was knocked out three times by malaria during his services. At the time he wrote out his application, Bill seemed to think that he would soon be back at his old profession of school teaching, but the army seems to have thought differently about it. His home address was Minburn during the six years he spent in the army. His wife and two sons, 17 and 15 years of age, and his daughter, 13, are still there.

Major D. A. Petrie was called "Pete" by his messmates, and also belongs to the teaching profession. He has taken up his civilian occupation again and is living—or was living at the time he made out his application for life membership at 10523 126th Street, Edmonton. He put in five years of military service in this war and four in

the last—as well as serving in the militia for 16 years.

H/Major Edgar James Bailey, the Loyal's padre from October 1943 and all through the rest of the European campaigns was living at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., U.S.A., when he sent along a dollar for his dues to the association. Many of the old Battalion met the padre when he visited Edmonton after his return to Canada—and those of the new who had been in action while he was with the regiment will always remember him. In filling out the questionnaire which he returned with his dues Padre Bailey remarks that he attended the annual church parade of the association in 1945 "and it was a pleasure."

David "Mac" McElroy, M16262 was a C.Q.M.S. in A company when he left the regiment, though he had enlisted in September 1939 as a private. He is living at 11827 103rd Street and is a mechanic.

A. G. "Art" Phillips, M16161, tied up with the Loyals on September 25, 1939, and went overseas with them in December of the same year with Major Browse then of "A" company. He was wounded in the right arm and leg and also sustained shrapnel wounds in the head in Sicily and Italy. In December, '44, he was sent back to Canada and became a Sgt. Instructor at Wetaskiwin training centre until his discharge in July, 1945. He is now with the Veterans Land Act Office, Red Deer.

J. P. Stiles "Jack," M17122, joined up on April Fool's Day in 1940 and soon thereafter was sent overseas to the Loyals and there he stayed until he lost an arm somewhere on the Italian front. He was released from the army in January, 1944,

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as a corporal, and as such he attended the last annual banquet. He is employed as a fishery inspector at Mulhurst and has four children.

Hubert Miller, M16042, like most Millers, was nicknamed "Dusty" by his army mates. He joined up on September 15, 1939, when only nineteen years of age. However, he was attacked by pleurisy while in England and was returned to Canada, getting his discharge in January, 1941. He now lives at Grimshaw and is married, with one son.

D. Walter McVee, M15698, was hailed as "Wally" and for some unexplained reason as "Chirper" by his mates in the Signal platoon. Wally was mentioned in despatches and won the American Bronze Star, though he modestly doesn't mention the why or the howcome for the decorations.

James E. Wilson, M30961, first signed his attestation papers in August, 1940, with the Edmonton Fusiliers but in October of 1942, found himself with 13 platoon of C company. He was wounded in the right forearm and was very seriously ill with pleurisy before he got his discharge in August, 1944. He lives at Lamont.

Robert Herbert "Bob" Summersgill joined the unit in March, 1935, as a private in the N.P.A.M. unit. When mobilization came in 1939 he was a lieutenant and went overseas as a junior officer. He received head injuries in the course of his service and left the army in April, 1945, with the rank of Major. He is living with his wife, his twin sons, Robert and William, 6, and Donald, 2, at 9345 107A Avenue.

Ed. Becker, High Prairie, was in town last November and met with Vic. Dingley. He wished all old pals the best for the future.

Harry Zolmer, M16189, left the services in June, 1945, as a C.Q.M.S. after having completed 5 years, 7 months of service. A few weeks before Harry returned to Edmonton his wife met her death in an auto accident, leaving him with the care of an 11-year-old son. Harry is employed by the Imperial Lumber Company and has been stationed at Vegreville and other country points. He is now permanently stationed at Athabasca with the same company.

R. N. Craven, M16473, became R.Q.M.S. of the Regiment before he left the army in June, 1945. He was also made an M.B.E. He was wounded once, though his injuries he claims were superficial being but flesh wounds to his head and stomach. He is now in the Maintenance and building schools in Peace River and mail will reach him addressed to Box 532, Peace River. He is married.

James McCabe, M15909, was an original of the Loyals, signing up in October, 1939. He doesn't give a great deal of information about himself on the questionnaire, but does admit that he is living at 11841 83rd Street, Edmonton.

L. T. F. Funnell, M16610, joined up in Edmonton in January, 1940, and was among the first reinforcements to reach the unit while it stood on guard in England, arriving there in May, 1940. Frank was with transport and with the mortar platoon. He doffed his khaki in July, 1945, and is living with his four daughters and his wife at 9006 102nd Avenue, Edmonton.

Arthur L. Robertson, "Robbie" was a lieutenant before he left the services in July, 1945, though he joined up as a private in September, 1939, and went overseas in the same rank with the originals. He now lives at 11503 96th Street, though his home address before enlistment was Mannville.

Harry E. Williscroft, M16066, left the armed services in November, 1942, but was a 39er in the battalion. Illness forced him out of uniform and he has been employed at the American airbase as a mechanic. He lives at 12122 65th Street, Edmonton, and has one son less than two years old.

C. M. Mitchell, M16305, was known by the lads as Mitch. He enlisted in September, 1939, but shows that he joined the Loyal Edmonton in October, 1940, so since he was only 18 when he signed up, was probably held back from the first draft overseas until he reached the required years.

Daniel Jackson, M15584, was a September 39er too and claims 32 years of military service, being a veteran of two wars. He served in the 1914-18 fracas with 8th Battalion, C.E.F. and in the militia in the interval. He was awarded the M.B.E. He lives at 11510 94th Street.

John Sweeney, M16226 must have made a mistake in making out his questionnaire, since he claims to have enlisted in September, 1943, but with that number he must have been a 39er, particularly since he put in 5 years and eight months at the time of his release in June, 1945,

Robert Cyril Southall, M15536, nicknamed "Cy" was on of the earliest to write his name on the dotted line, having done so on September 5, 1939. He came out of it nearly six years later as a C.Q.M.S. and now lives at 11216 80th Street. He works for the department of Veterans Affairs.

"Red" Moreau wrote a newsy letter from 424 East 37th Avenue, Vancouver, in which he mentioned running into plenty of 39ers on the streets of the Pacific coast metropolis. He mentioned Red Grant Wetmore, ex-Regimental Police Bertram, Ace Saddler, Earl Cutler, and Sam Hatley and says that he understands that George Hamel is around Vancouver somewhere but hasn't met him yet.

Capt. Fred Gale came to the Loyals while they were still in England and spent a lot of time with them there. He had originally joined up with the South Albertas but arrived to our outfit in October, 1940, and, except for an instructional tour back to Canada, stayed with the Eddies. He was wounded at Ortona just before Christmas, 1943, and finally arrived back in Canada in February, 1944, to obtain his discharge in June of the same year.

William M. Craig, M16034, "Bill" runs a barber shop in the Majestic Pool Hall on Jasper Avenue, and there is generally a cluster of the boys around his chairs. He was a 39er himself and saw it all from Spitzbergen until he was returned to Canada in December, 1944.

J. D. Basarab, M17235, was in 13 platoon, Charlie company, after joining up in June, 1940. Early in the Italian campaign he was taken prisoner and spent 18 months in the tender care of our Nazi friends. He is a patient at the General hospital and is suffering from disabilities. His civilian address is given as High Prairie and his occupation as farmer.

W. V. D. Eastley, "Satchmo," M16160, sent in his fifty cents for membership from Sedgewick with a brief note asking that he be told about the association's functions and that he gets the magazine.

Though **Eric G. O'Neill** was a 39er with the Loyals he was transferred to the R.C.O.C. in July, 1942, and went to France with the Ordnance in June, 1944. He is a mechanic at Enilda, Alberta, but his wife and three year old daughter were still in England at last report. Hope they get back soon, Eric.

A very interesting letter comes from **R. C. (Ring) Reid**, of Notikewin, Alberta. Ring appears to have spent some time in Vancouver and speaks of meeting Jimmy Peterson, Albert Fowlie, Chip Kerr and a number of others of the old days. Ring closes his letter with a good luck message to all old and new Forty-Niners to which we reply "same to you."

One who seems to get around a lot is **W. E. Edmondson**, who says that his permanent address is 7, Dunston Court, 650 Westminster Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Like the rest of us Edmondson takes no chances about securing his "Forty-Niner." It has been said before and bears repeating that the old mag means everything to our Association. There's magic in the mag.

Bob Watt of Kaleland, Alberta, sends dues and thanks for the magazine and says it sure helps to keep him in touch with the old Forty-Niners. Bob also sends greetings to all of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment just returned. Our respects to Mrs. Watt who also is a good Forty-Niner.

All old Forty-Niners will regret the sudden passing of **Lance Smith** at Victoria in the early part of the year. Our thanks are due to Jack Watt of 3572 Quadra St., Victoria, for this information, who attended the funeral along with Geo. Holmes. Incidentally, a nephew of Lance Smith's is **W. E. Gariepy**, K62736; served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

We have a letter from **R. G. Andrews** of 1243-8th Ave. A.S., Lethbridge, Alberta, who at the time of writing was getting back on his feet from a bout of sickness. Our best wishes for your continued good health, R.G.

A hard working farmer, who at the date of writing, had two sons overseas is **R. W. Bell** of Cooking Lake, Alta. In his letter are complimentary remarks for the Association and also regret that duties at home kept him from attending the annual dinner. We hope he will be among those present on Jan. 5th.

Another one of the old gang who took time out to write is **H. Bennett** of 3337 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. His letter expresses a keen appreciation of the work of the Association and he says he would hate to miss the "Forty-Niner." Incidentally, the dues man appreciates the dues sent in with this letter and those sent in by our other correspondents.

We are very much indebted to Mrs. Jim Pollard, the wife of **Jim Pollard**, of Westlock, Alberta. Writing on behalf of her husband whom we are sorry to hear has very poor health, Mrs. Pollard

sends dues and many thanks for the Forty-Niner. Besides her husband, Mrs. Pollard tells of three of her uncles who served with the old 49th, two paid the Supreme Sacrifice. The other, George Adkins, is living in Victoria in search of better health but spends much of his time in hospital. Many of our members will remember the three Adkins brothers who were original members of the Battalion. Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Pollard did their part in this war. Jack, a Flying Officer in the R.C.A.F., who suffered a serious eye injury in action, and a younger boy serving in the Army. The record of service and sacrifice of this family commands our utmost respect.

We have a letter from **Miss Hilda Wetherly**, 68 Vale Vien Drive, Kennywood, Pa., U.S.A., written on behalf of her Dad, Reginald Wetherly. Her dad has had a long session of illness, but at the time of writing was getting around again. Miss Wetherly pays a compliment by saying she looks forward to reading the "Forty-Niner" as much as her dad. We must thank this young lady for her bright and cheerful letter.

We welcome two applications for membership from old Forty-Niners:

G. E. P. Tucker, 432517 11th Platoon C Coy., served with the 49th Battalion four years and six months and was discharged with the rank of Acting Sergeant. Occupation: Barber. Resides at 10804 Jasper Avenue.

C. D. Lane, M.M., 883324. Original unit, 187 Battalion. Served with C Company and was discharged after three years' service with the rank of Sergeant. Lane farms at Neutral Hills, Alberta; is married and has two girls and two boys.



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Walter Manton, No. 436442, in the 1st war and K92947 in this one, now lives at 313 Hoult St., New Westminster, B.C. Walter served for 3 years and 5 months in this war and was discharged 12 months ago last December. We sympathize with him in the loss of his son, 22, in an accident at Steveston Cannery. He fell between the boat and the dock and was pulled out right away, but was dead. The doctor said he was dead before he hit the water. Walter met Nelly Nelson on the bus out there, and also Wilson Campbell. His best regards to all old friends.

Brigadier Wilson Arrives Home

Brig. E. B. Wilson, O.B.E., E.D., former commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, arrived back in Edmonton in December. He was a passenger on the Queen Elizabeth on its first trip after re-routing from Halifax. He went overseas as second-in-command of the 1st Battalion in 1939, and for a time commanded during the battalion's strenuous training period in England. His home is at 11121-98 Ave.

N. E. Sherbourn Loses Home

N. E. Sherbourn, veteran of two wars, and his wife were burned out of their suite at 9617-103 Ave., Thursday night, Nov. 15. They lost most of their personal belongings and were without a home for a time. He went overseas with the Edmontonians, but returned with a provost company. After his return he was employed by the U.S. Army. While overseas his son, Neil, 18, was killed by a freight train while walking to work at Wainwright Sept. 10, 1944.

Guthrie Head of St. Paul Legion

W. D. Guthrie, of D coy. 49th was elected president of the St. Paul branch of the Canadian Legion at the annual meeting held last October. We wish him all success in his position.

Col. Knight Honored on Retirement

Presentation of a silver tray to Col. E. R. Knight, who recently retired from his post as commanding officer of the 41st Reserve Brigade Group, was made at a mess dinner at the Prince of Wales Armouries Friday night, Oct. 19. The presentation was made by Lt.-Col. "Kenny" Kinnaird on behalf of the officers of the 41st Reserve Brigade Group. Col. Knight paid a warm tribute to the administration and training staff of the reserve army units. He also spoke of his pride in the achievements of the Loyal Edmontonians in this war and mentioned he had served with the unit in the First Great War.

49er Again Visits London

Among the delegates to a conference of Empire Chambers of Commerce, last October, in London, was Alec MacDonald of Edmonton who served in D company. We hope if the Leicester Lounge was still there he didn't see any ghosts of his former comrades still kicking around and asking for "two fingers."

In Truck Accident

Raymond Gray, 9748-97A St. suffered a twisted knee when an Arctic truck driven by Ken Prather was struck by a city waterworks truck on a city intersection last fall. Raymond got over the accident pretty well, but he had better watch his step, as he seems to be in grief when back on civvy street.

Seaforths C.O. Visits Edmonton

Former commander of the Seaforth Highlanders and well-known to many members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, J. M. S. Tait, of Vancouver, arrived in Edmonton Saturday, Dec. 1st on a private business visit. He was registered at the Macdonald.

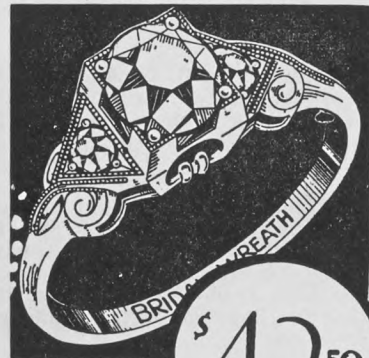
Wins Silver Medal

Wilma Palmer, daughter of Miles and Mrs. Palmer, 10641-126th St., was winner of the silver medal presented by the Toronto Conservatory of Music for the highest standing in Alberta for Grade 6 piano in 1945. Miss Palmer won the silver medal last year for highest marks in Grade 5.

Requests News Regarding Son's Service

Mrs. Belle Hubbard, 535 Lincoln Ave., Hebron, Nebraska, U.S.A., has written to us as follows: "Received a June issue of the 'Forty-Niner' in which was a picture of my son M105703, Cpl. Duanne M. Hubbard, who died of wounds received in action in Holland, April 12th, 1945. Before peace was declared his letters were censored, and I never could find out much about his fighting or what battles he was in. I would like to hear from some of his buddies that fought with him, especially in Italy. His only brother was in the American Marine Corps and fought in the South Pacific. He was discharged October 13th, 1945, and has five battle stars. Thanking the 'Forty-Niner Boys' for putting his picture in the magazine." Any of the 1st Battalion who have knowledge of Duane's service would be doing a kind act by letting Mrs. Hubbard know of her son's fighting service.

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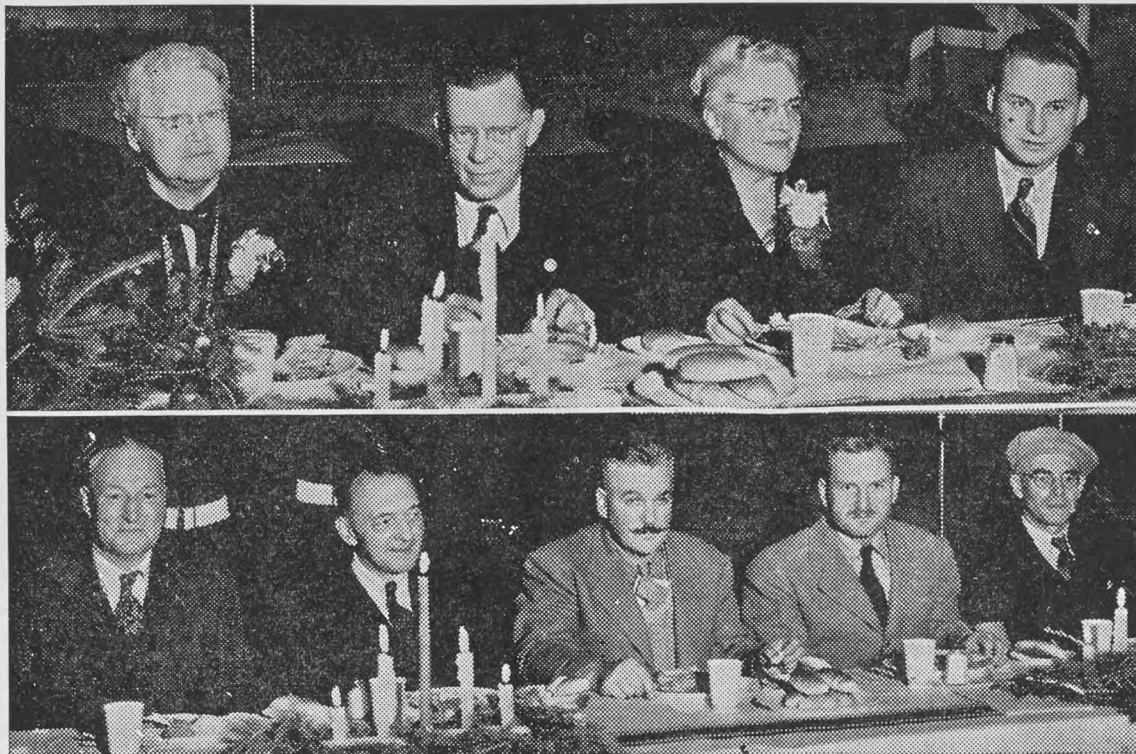
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Rousing Re-Union Brings Old and Young Together for Party and Dinner

Few Missed Out on Grand Re-union in Armouries—Those Who Did Miss Out Regret It Deeply—Hundreds Renew Acquaintances.

Since first the Loyal Edmonton Regiment left this city on December 15th, 1939, members of the old battalion and those of the new have hoped for the happy days when the two units might be united in an occasion of fellowship and festivity.

That day came at the Prince of Wales Armouries on the evening of Saturday, October 20th, 1945, at the "Grand Reunion and Welcome Home to Forty-Niners," planned and brought into effect by the Forty-Ninth Association, aided and abetted by the ladies' auxiliary to the regiment.

Time was allowed after the regiment's return for the boys to get the feel of civilian life again, to have a couple of weeks with their families to become re-acquainted and to make them just a little curious as to the fate which might have befallen their friends in the unit.

The careful arrangements were reflected in the system used to distribute the tickets for the affair. Those who could make it, got their tickets from a booth in the Hudson's Bay Company's Edmonton store before the day of the banquet or on it.

In order to get these tickets they must have presented credentials showing that they had been with the battalion in action or in training for some length of time.

As the men came into the armouries the night

of the affair they had to pass a vigilant guard of members of the association or of men who had been with the battalion in this war.

The floor of the building, the only one in town large enough to house all those who would be likely to request admittance was covered with candle-decorated tables with seats for more than 1,200 men arranged around them.

The banquet had been arranged with a view to eliminating, so far as possible, the need for table service and consisted of cold meats and salads—it follows:

49th Battalion Punch	Cattolica
Celery and Olives	Tripoli
Cold Roast Chicken	Campobasso
Roast Veal	Borenello
Potato Salad	Ortona
Pachino Tomatoes	Rimini Cucumbers
Angleterre	Apple Pie
Neapolitan	Ice Cream
Cafe Ypres	
Cesena	Beer
Leonforte	Pretzels

But before the fellows sat down to the dinner there were the punch-bowls to be visited. These were arranged in balcony rooms and were well patronized by all the boys.

Over each bowl hung a card indicating the company which was supposed to be quenching its thirst at that particular fountain, but so many and so fervent were the reunions between men who had served with the different companies that there was no sharp line of division drawn nor maintained.

Even the distinctions of military rank were relaxed as officers' backs were slapped, and even sergeant-majors were given a broad smile of comradeship and good cheer.

"Cookhouse Door" sounded almost as the last drop of the potent punch had disappeared. The pipe band of the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Legion played the stirring "Bonnie Dundee" as the men lined up and marched to their tables.

There was little confusion as they found their places among their friends and stood for two minutes silence in memory of those who were not there—and would never be there again.

Dinner was interrupted by the flash of camera bulbs as pictures of the happy event were taken and by joyous shouts from tables as comrade greeted comrade.

At the head table sat three of the former commanding officers of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. W. G. Stillman, E.D., who had commanded the battalion when it left Edmonton; Lt.-Col. W. T. Crompt, Jr., D.S.O., who had been in command when it returned and Brigadier J. C. Jefferson, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, who had been in command during some of the worst fighting the Loyals encountered.

Others were Lt. G. D. K. Kinnaird, E.D.; A. L. Smith, acting president of the 49th Association; Mrs. W. A. Griesbach, widow of the founder of the regiment; Earle Hay, honorary secretary of the 49th Association; Mrs. Michaels, president of the Women's Auxiliary to the unit and A. J. Hidson, secretary of the association.

The evening's carefully planned program was not followed out, the boys were too happy to be together again, too anxious to exchange reminiscences to be bothered with any formal agenda.

As soon as dinner was over they swarmed all over the armouries, besieging the head table in particular for autographs from the commanding officers.

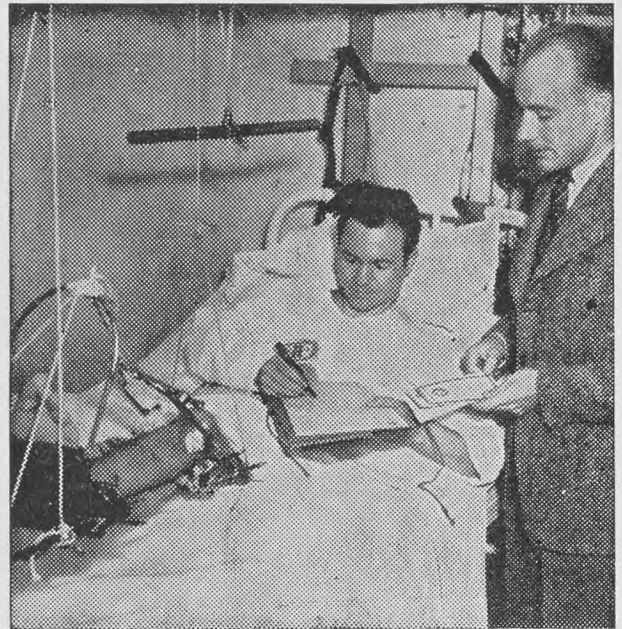
It was late, very late, before they cleared the Armouries that night, and it was beyond a doubt the biggest and the best party Edmonton had ever seen.

Working committees responsible for the success of the evening were: Catering—J. Michaels, H. Stonehewer, J. Farrugia; Entertainment—W. Hunter, J. Blewett, Lt.-Col. R. W. Hale; Publicity—N. E. Cook, N. Arnold, J. Armstrong; Contingency—R. V. Patterson, J. W. H. Williams, A. Gould; Membership—N. Arnold, A. J. Hidson, J. Craig; Finance—N. H. Jones, J. Madore; Armouries—Lt.-Col. R. W. Hale, Lt.-Col. A. H. Elliott, F. Pinnell; Identification—J. H. Prowse; Lt.-Col. Elliott, R. Stevenson and Miles Palmer.

—Ted Horton.

Wren Returns to Home Nest

Wren C. A. Kinnaird, daughter of Lt.-Col. G. D. K. Kinnaird, E.D. 49th and 2nd (Reserve) Battalion Loyal Edmontons, and Mrs. Kinnaird, 12424-102nd Avenue, returned to Edmonton last September to resume civilian status after service in the navy.



Loyal Edmonton First Bond Buyer in Ninth Loan

First Edmonton purchaser of a bond in the Ninth Victory Loan campaign which opened Monday, Oct. 22nd, was Lieut. K. J. Rootes, a patient in the Mewburn Memorial hospital, who was wounded while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment during the heavy fighting in Italy. He is shown in the picture buying a \$150 bond from Flt. Lt. D. E. "Ted" West, who returned recently after being a German prisoner of war for three years. Lieut. Rootes was severely wounded in the legs at the battle of the Naviglio canal in Italy, on Dec. 14th, 1944, and has been in Italian, British and Canadian hospitals ever since. He is expected to be in hospital for about another year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rootes, 9711-106th St., Edmonton.

Receives Discharge

L.A.W. Patricia Patterson, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Patterson, of Edmonton, received her discharge last September after being in the service for more than two years. L.A.W. Patterson attended wireless school in Montreal, and has resumed her studies here.

Twice Wounded with Edmontons

Major and Mrs. J. R. Dudley received official information that their son, Lt. R. W. Dudley, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, had again been wounded on the Western Front. He was first wounded in Italy in December and after hospitalization he rejoined his unit, later moving to Germany and suffering further wounds in Germany. He went overseas in 1943 and during exercises in England suffered a broken back. His father is a veteran of both wars.

C. S. M. Summers Home

B. R. Summers, Canadian Legion war services supervisor, returned home in March on 30-days' leave after having been overseas for five years and two months. Summers was formerly a company sergeant-major in the 1st Battalion. His home is at 12227-95A St.

Loyal Edmontoners Present Plaque to 92nd Battery

Proudest possession of the 92nd Field Battery, who returned to Edmonton last October, is the plaque presented to it in Holland by the Loyal Edmontoners, said the commanding officer, Maj. W. R. Gilchrist, E.D., brother of Capt. Alex. Gilchrist, Loyal Edmontoners.

How the plaque was given to the unit was told by Maj. L. A. Staysco, Medicine Hat, officer commanding the train on which they returned, who was in command of the 92nd when the plaque was received. He described how Lt.-Col. Bill Cromb and some officers dropped into the 92nd mess for a meal one noon hour in Holland. After the meal, Lt.-Col. Cromb casually mentioned he had something for the artillerymen and produced the plaque.

The plaque was given to the colonel of the artillery regiment in recognition of the support given the infantry regiment in all its attacks, but he decided since the 92nd was an Edmonton unit and it had always been in support of the Loyal Edmontoners from Sicily through to the end of the war, the plaque should become the exclusive property of the 92nd Battery.

In telling how the 92nd had supported the Edmontoners, Maj. Staysco remarked, "There's no unit we would rather have worked for."

He took over command of the unit toward the end of the Battle of Ortona. He said that at the Senio River the 92nd was used as a firing battery.

This meant it went forward and did any firing ordered so as to prevent the enemy from launching a counter-battery attack against the regiment as a whole. As a result, he said, "We took two or three pastings."

Came To See Edmonton Welcome Loyals

Having heard the story of how Edmonton was to welcome the Loyal Edmontoners on their return home several members from places distant from Edmonton came along to see if things would be as good as represented.

Four of these men, who live in Nova Scotia, came all the way West with the unit just for the parade and a look around, and a day or so later were speeding eastward towards their homes again. They were Sgt. J. D. McDougall of Inverness, Cape Breton Island; L/Cpl. S. M. Semple of Stellarton, N.S.; Ptes. D. Crocker, of Freemont, N.S.; and W. R. Young, of Windsor, N.S. All four of the men joined the unit during the battle for Ortona.

Others who came West to parade with the unit included the unit medical officer, Capt. C. F. Egan, M.B.E., who lives at Kingston, Ont., and whose wife came West to welcome him here, and Sgt. H. S. Upton, of Westmount, Montreal, P.Q.

"We had heard so much about the city that we wanted to see it for ourselves," they explained. "Well I guess the boys are right. That was really a fine welcome we were given, although I haven't seen any of this "sunny" Alberta I've heard so much about," grinned Sgt. McDougall, after the parade.

Promoted to Major

Maj. Garfield Kennedy was promoted to that rank while serving with the Canadian Army in Holland. He went overseas with the Edmontoners, transferring in England to the reconnaissance battalion, with which he served in Sicily and Italy prior to moving to Holland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kennedy, 11039-88th Avenue.



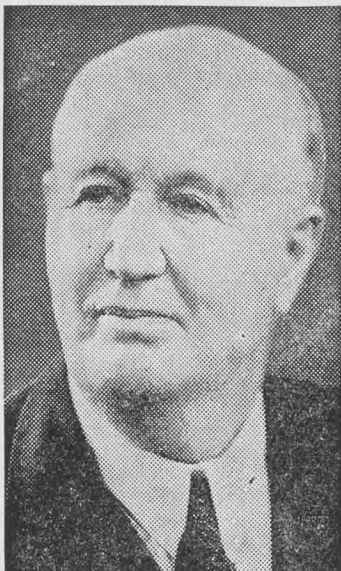
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**ROBERT PEARSON****Pearson Movie Censor Retires**

Mr. Robert Pearson, for 17 years chief motion picture censor for Alberta retired on superannuation the end of last August. Born in 1879 in Huron County, Ont., he graduated in 1904 from the University of Toronto with a B.A. degree. He first entered the ministry and was in charge of the Methodist mission in Banff, after which he served the church in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer. He was general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Calgary when he enlisted in the 89th Battalion, C.E.F. Promoted to Captain, he remained with the 89th until that unit was broken up in England, when he transferred to the 49th Battalion. Wounded at Courcellette in the battle of the Somme in 1916, on recovery he served with the Y.M.C.A. for 10 months overseas. Posted again to the army, he served as a captain at army corps headquarters and finished up at Bonn, Germany. He was elected as a soldier member of the Alberta legislature in 1917, and served as an Independent member for Calgary until his retirement from politics in 1926. He is to reside at the coast.

**LT.-COL. R. C. COLEMAN**

Lt.-Col. R. C. Coleman, D.S.O., M.C., was among the military personnel returning to Canada on the big liner Empress of Scotland last November. Winnipeg born and now 30 years old, he is the second son of D. C. Coleman, chairman, and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who was the first to greet his son on the vessel's arrival at port in Canada. He joined the P.P.C.L.I. at Winnipeg in January, 1940, going overseas with the famous unit in August, 1940. He won the Military Cross as a captain during the battalion's first landings on Sicily. He was second in command of the Patricia's when he was promoted to command the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, of the first division, and was wounded with this regiment during the fierce fighting in Italy. After D-Day he saw further action on the western front as officer commanding the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, and last August was awarded the D.S.O.

Alan Macdonald Drama Judge

President of the Edmonton Community theatre, Alan Macdonald was one of the judges when the University of Alberta dramatic society presented the annual inter-year play competition Nov. 23 and 24. Other judges were Elsie Park Gowan, and J. T. Jones of the English department. As in former years, the judges decided the best-directed play, the best actor, and the best actress.

OUR THANKS TO THE NEWSPAPERS

The many pictures appearing in this issue indicate the generosity of both the Edmonton Journal and the Edmonton Bulletin in their co-operation by loaning cuts for publication. We are grateful to both of our local newspapers for the help they give the magazine committee. We also thank all those who assisted in the publication of our magazine.

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Bert Hidson Hon. Secretary

A. J. "Bert" Hidson was unanimously elected Hon. secretary at the annual meeting of the association last November. Bert was R.S.M., of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment for a time, but is now pensions clerk at the Redwood building. He is in charge of the administrative work in the commission's office.

He left with the Edmontonians in 1939, and returned in December, 1943, on medical grounds. Before return he was superintendent clerk for the director of medical services at C.M.H.Q. in London. His duties took him to the ports where Canadians were embarking or disembarking. Sometimes he was helping to look after the embarking of casualties. Bert was discharged from the active army in November, 1944. He promptly accepted a commission in the 2nd Battalion (R) The Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Bert has been acting secretary for some time and is making a good job of his arduous duties.

Given New Post**MAJ. J. R. WASHBURN**

Former company commander with the Loyal Edmontonians with the rank of major, J. R. Washburn of Edmonton has been appointed an account executive with the J. J. Gibbons advertising agency. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta and joined the regiment in 1940. He served throughout the campaigns in Sicily and Italy and North-west Europe, and was wounded at the Battle of Ortona. He returned to Edmonton last September and has recently retired from the active army.

Chris Skov in Car Accident

A 1929 sedan owned by Chris Skov, was extensively damaged last July in a collision with a street car at 97 Avenue West of 106th Street. No one was injured but Chris' car suffered several casualties.

Major Jamieson Back in Edmonton**MAJ. V. G. JAMIESON**

Returning on the Empress of Scotland, Maj. Victor G. Jamieson, son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. B. Jamieson, 10557 Saskatchewan Drive, spent his leave with his parents early last December. Maj. Jamieson went overseas in December, 1939, as a private. He won his commission in Britain and for the past 2½ years has been attached to the headquarters staff of the 21st Army Group. He was with this group until he left it in Germany to return to Canada. His chief concern now is to bring his English wife and two-year-old daughter to Canada as soon as possible.

Earle Hay's Daughter Down Under

Mrs. S. A. Rankin, the former Miss Shirley E. Hay, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hay, who was married in Sept. 1944, to F.O. Sydney A. Rankin of the R.A.A.F., arrived in Sydney, Australia, last June 30, where the couple have taken up residence at 39 Rangers Ave. Mrs. Rankin left Edmonton on May 4 and sailed from New York about May 18. Flying Officer Rankin served for three and a half years with Australian forces in East Africa before being transferred to the R.A.F. and being sent to Canada for training. We all wish them happiness and hope Shirley will find the change to her liking. It will no doubt be strange having Christmas in summer.

Bergmann Boy Returns

Sgt. Ronald Bergmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bergmann, 10128-87th St., arrived back home last October after a voyage across in the Ile de France. Sgt. Bergmann went over with the 61st Battery, R.C.A., in January, 1940. He married a Scottish girl overseas. His father served in "Steady D" in the last great "outrage."

Sent No Change of Address

Mr. J. R. Lowery, 1338 Balfour St., Vancouver, B.C., has moved and neglected to send along his new address. The last July issue of the Forty-Niner was returned marked, "Removed."

Last Post



In ever living memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 49th Battalion (Edmonton Regiment) who were killed in action, or died of wounds received in Belgium and France during 1914 to 1918, and to those who have since passed on mainly due to the ravages of war service; also to our "sons" who have passed on in this later renewal of our Battle.

"These men were victorious in death."

Frederick Vaughan

On Sunday, August 12th, Frederick Vaughan, brother of the late Charley Vaughan, D. Coy., passed away at Onoway, Alberta. He is survived by his loving wife, six daughters, four sons, one of whom served overseas with the 1st Battalion.

Mrs. Margaret Bakkan

Mrs. Margaret E. (Bessie) Bakkan, formerly of Edmonton, passed away Sunday, August 19th at her home in Oakland, California. She is survived by her husband, T. Bakkan, who served with the signals of the 49th C.E.F., and one daughter, Mrs. E. Tillery of Oakland.

Pierce Ockenden

Pierce Ockenden died Monday, August 20th, at Victoria, B.C., at the age of 86. He formerly resided in Edmonton. He is survived by seven sons and one daughter. One son E. W. (Ted) Ockenden served in the 49th C.E.F.

Mrs. Margaret Hardisty

Well known Edmonton woman, Mrs. Margaret Hardisty, of 8631-108A St., wife of the prominent all-round athlete, Percy Hardisty, died Tuesday night, August 28th. Surviving are her husband, who served in D Coy., 49th C.E.F., and one daughter. Interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery.

Mrs. Berenice Jaffray Widman

On Friday, Nov. 2nd, 1945, Mrs. Berenice Jaffray Widman passed away after a long illness, leaving to mourn her loss, her mother, Mrs. J. P. Jaffray, her brother Harland W. Jaffray, and her sister, Mrs. Byron Morrison in Edmonton. Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 5. Rev. J. T. Stephens officiated. Interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery.

Arthur Walter Barnes

Passed away in Vancouver, B.C., on October 5th, 1945, Arthur Walter Barnes, formerly of Morrison and Barnes, Jewellers. He is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter. Funeral took place in Vancouver.

Albert Wensel

Funeral services for the late Mr. Albert Wensel of Looma, Alta., who passed away in Edmonton, October 6th, were held on Wednesday, Oct. 10th at the Moravian church, 99 St., 84 Ave. Rev. S. Wedman officiated and interment took place in the Mount Pleasant cemetery. William Wensel, who served in the B.H.Q. 1st Battalion, is a brother.

KILLED IN ACTION



CPL. JAMES AITKIN

M16662, Cpl. James Aitkin was killed in action at Ortona, Dec. 27th, 1943. Born in Lanark, Scotland in 1927, he came to Canada in 1932. His father is a veteran of the First World War and also served for three years with the Veterans' Guard. He and Mrs. Aitkin live at Rochfort Bridge, Alberta.

Mrs. Arthur Forbes

The death occurred in Los Angeles of Mrs. Arthur Forbes on Dec. 7th, 1944. She was stricken suddenly when shopping on Dec. 4th. Her son was killed at Paschendaale in 1917. She is survived by her husband and a daughter in Los Angeles. Last August would have been the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes.

Copy of Golden Book in Provincial Library

It may not be generally known that a copy of the Book of Remembrance, original of which is in the memorial chamber at the House of Commons, Ottawa, is in the provincial library, legislative buildings, Edmonton. Each provincial library possesses one. Each day one of the staff checks

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KILLED IN ACTION



CPL. SYDNEY HILL

M15537, Cpl. Sydney Hill was killed in action in Italy, Sept. 18th, 1944. His widow's address is Sub. P.O. 23, Edmonton. Cpl. Hill went overseas as one of the original members.

the book's "calendar" which regulates which page must be shown on that particular day. The calendar ensures that each page of the book is exposed to public view one day a year and that the same page is displayed in all the provincial libraries.

The inscription around the altar where the Book of Remembrance is kept at Ottawa reads: "My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who will now be my rewarder. So he passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side," from Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." The following was suggested in the House last November by one of the members: "I do not believe there is any particular ceremony at 11:00 o'clock each day when one page of that memorial book is turned over. I know this borders on the emotional and sentimental side a bit, but I have often thought these things go to make up life. I know that two of the constables are delegated each day to turn over the page. I thought this: Would it not be appropriate if some mother, chosen from some point in Canada, could be given the task of turning over that page, perhaps bowing for a few moments in silent prayer while doing so. This could be a mother who had given her sons, or perhaps a husband, in World War I. I believe this would add dignity to the ceremony."

Cull Recives Bar to D.F.C.

In an air force list last July appeared the name of Flt.-Lt. R. H. Cull, Seba Beach. He is the son of our D company Cull who was severely wounded in the last war. The citation for the Bar to the D.F.C. reads: "On his first tour Flt.-Lt. Cull destroyed two enemy aircraft and damaged three more. He has destroyed two more enemy aircraft in his second tour. He also has taken part in attacks against enemy rail and road transport. This officer has proved himself to be a conscientious and courageous pilot who has set an example to all.

Col. Pete Anderson Dead

Col. Pete Anderson, 77, first Canadian soldier to escape from a German prisoner-of-war camp in the First Great War, died at his home in Vancouver last August. He was taken prisoner at the Second Battle of Ypres while operating as a sniping officer. He was in camp at Saxony for five months before he escaped and travelled across Germany posing as a Swede.

Late Padre's Wife Writes to Neville Jones

"I have been very pleased to receive a recent number of the "Forty-Niner" and to read the latest news of many familiar names. May I ask you kindly to accept the enclosed as a contribution to your good work. It might interest you to know that my sons have been fortunate. The elder one Lt. John W. Reynolds, R.C.E. was slightly wounded in September, 1944, and wounded again the end of October, 1945. He was in hospital in England for some time and then for a few weeks was lent to the British Ministry of Munitions and Supply for some special work. He and his younger brother were able to meet at Easter and spend a brief leave together. John rejoined his unit in April and is still in Holland. My younger son Lt. Robert G. Reynolds recently returned from overseas and at the moment is at home on 30 days' Pacific leave. (August, Ed) One feels intensely thankful that the end of this terrible war is so near at hand but work such as yours must go on and indeed be increased. For nearly three years I have been engaged in work which has kept me in close touch with the problems of servicemen's families, and I realize that the problems of adjustment to civilian life are many and great and no effort should be spared to lend a hand wherever it is needed by returned men. Wishing your organization every success in the future as in the past." Yours truly, K. Muriel Reynolds.

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PTE. E. L. ROUSSEAU

Pte. E. L. Rousseau, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Rousseau of St. Albert, was wounded in Italy when serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. He has returned home after meritorious service.



PTE. J. W. GUAY

Pte. J. W. Guay, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Guay of Calder, was seriously wounded in Italy while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in that theatre of war.



PTE. THOMAS SEHLIN

Pte. Thomas Sehlin of Millet was the first man to enlist in this district, and has arrived home. His father served in World War I, and his brother, P.O. Donald Sehlin was killed over Germany in 1944.

Loyal Edmontons Honor Loyal Lancs.

Immediately before sailing for home the Loyal Edmonton Regiment honored its affiliation with the Loyal Regiment (North Lancs.) in a gathering at the Naval and Military club in London.

Fifteen officers of the Edmontons and eight from the North Lancs. were present when Lt.-Col. W. T. Cromb, D.S.O., who brought the battalion home, presented officers of the British regiment with six silver beer mugs bearing the crests of both units.

Lt.-Col. W. G. Stillman, who commanded the Edmontons when they went overseas with the 1st Division in 1939, and Brig. Ernest Wilson, a former C.O., shared in the presentation.

Canadian officers present included Col. M. C. O'Neil, senior Roman Catholic chaplain of the Canadian army and chaplain of the Edmontons when they first arrived overseas, and Lt.-Col. H. E. Balfour, Edmonton, who fought with the 49th Edmontons in the First Great War.

Regimental officers included Maj. J. A. Dougan, Maj. A. M. Johnson, Maj. H. A. Tucker, Edmonton, and Maj. F. H. McDougall, Weyburn, Sask.; Maj. Fred Reesor and Capt Ralph Hayter, both of Vegreville, Alta., and Lieuts. F. T. Middleton, Vancouver, and Jack Harris, Nanaimo and Vancouver.

Col. Harris Flies on Errand of Mercy

A C.P.A. chartered plane made a forced landing in mountainous territory 120 miles Southwest of Grande Prairie, last October. One man was killed and four injured. Rescue craft from Prince George and Edmonton flew out to the scene of the crash. Dr. L. C. Harris, medical supervisor for C.P.A., and Capt. "Wop" May, were members of the party from Edmonton, which flew medical aid and supplies to the sufferers.

Cruikshank Writes Earle Hay

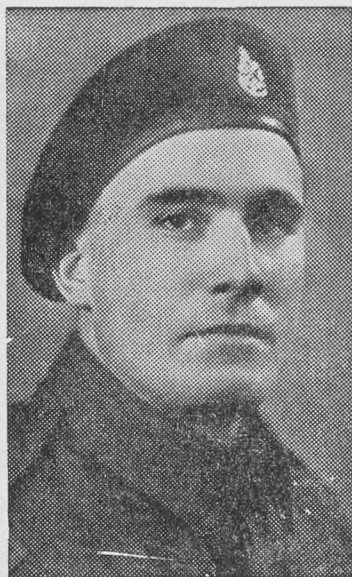
"Thanks so much for the magazine just received this morning, it looks very interesting, but I see that quite a few more have entered the gates, but I suppose that is to be expected as lots of us are reaching close to the span of life. Hope yourself and family are enjoying the best of health, and that your holiday this year will set you up for another winter. Personally I find them getting rather cold for myself. I am enjoying a lot of golf this summer; the score does not improve but the fun increases if that is possible." R. Cruikshank, Peace River.

R. M. Cantlon Interviewed at Sydney, N.S.

R. M. Cantlon, president of the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association and general manager of the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix, said in an interview at Sydney, N.S. last August: "The newspapers have just as great a duty to perform in the post-war era, perhaps even greater than their job during the war years." Mr. Cantlon, who served with the 49th C.E.F., on an official coast to coast trip, added: "Newspapers will play a vital part in the rehabilitation that will follow the greatest war in history."

Resumes Old Position

Alex A. Gilchrist, an original member of the 1st Battalion, and a Captain when wounded in Sicily, was back at his post as clerk of the City Police court, Monday, Nov. 5th, after an absence of six years, two of which were spent in hospital. The Loyals were half way through the Sicilian campaign when Capt. Gilchrist was wounded in the leg and foot by a German mortar bomb. Invalided home he was in hospital until a week before resuming his old job.



PTE. EDWIN S. HALL

Pte. Edwin S. Hall was wounded in action in Italy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hall, live at Warburg, also his wife and two children. Before enlisting he attended school in Edmonton.

Asks About Edmonton Grads

While in Berlin an Edmonton officer, with shoulder patches up, was approached by a woman near Tiergarten. Speaking German, which the officer understood, the woman asked if the Edmonton on his insignia was the same place where the Grads came from. She remembered them well, she said, when they played in Berlin during the Olympic games. This anecdote was one of many personal experiences related by Maj. Alon Johnson, the officer who commanded a company of the Loyal Edmontons in the Victory March to Berlin, at the Rotary luncheon in the Macdonald, Thursday, Nov. 22. The Edmonton officer said that the trust handed to the regiment by its home city to carry the name of Edmonton to the heart of Berlin, had indeed been realized.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellett of Sandy Lake stock farm, R.R.2, South Edmonton, Tuesday, Nov. 20, marked the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ellett are originally from London, England. They became acquainted in Canada where each had come to reside. One of their grandchildren, David Gaultier, served overseas with the Loyal Edmonton regiment. Wounded last April in Holland, he was later in the University hospital, Edmonton.

Lt.-Col G. M. Beaton Retires from Army

Lt.-Col. George M. Beaton, O.B.E., retired from the army after six years' service, last November. He served with the Loyal Edmontons until 1932, when he was appointed to the field postal service at H.Q., of the 1st Canadian Corps. He was home on rotation leave last April and at that time was assistant director of postal services and in charge of all Canadian postal operations for the western front. Last October, Lt.-Col. Beaton went to Buckingham Palace for an investiture, in which His Majesty the King, conferred the Order of the British Empire. He is at home with his wife and two daughters at 10503-122 St. He has resumed his work with the postal service in Edmonton.

Named Legion Claims Officer

O. R. Browne, Edmonton, formerly of Cardston, was appointed to be adjustments and claims officer for the Canadian Legion in Alberta, by W. R. McLaren, Hon. Treas. of the Legion's provincial council. Mr. Browne enlisted in the 1st Battalion in September, 1939, and went overseas in December, 1939. He belonged to the signal platoon and rose through the non-commissioned ranks until in 1942 he returned to Canada for his commission. Early in 1943 he returned as a lieutenant to the unit and stayed with it through Sicily and Italy. With his appointment as unit intelligence officer, he became a captain and was recently discharged holding that rank. Complaints of veterans who feel that they have been subjected to injustices, and who turn to the Legion for assistance, will all pass through Mr. Browne's hands.

Receives Posthumous Award

S. Sgt. G. O. Godin, son of K. Godin, has received posthumous honors for gallantry overseas, during action on the Anzio beachhead, Feb. 16, 1944. Born in Alberta, Sgt. Godin received his schooling in Wetaskiwin, joining the Edmonton Fusiliers in 1939, later going active with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Sgt. R. J. Madore Weds

At St. Jean Baptiste Church, Ottawa, on April 30, Rev. Maurice Biladeau solemnized the marriage of his cousin, Sgt. Raymond J. Madore, son of Mrs. J. C. Burger of Edmonton, and the late Mr. Louis Madore, and Miss Elizabeth Jean Richardson, daughter of Mrs. Richardson of McMurray, and the late Mr. John Richardson.

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MAJOR C. VINCENT LILLEY

son of Major C. W. Lilley, was mentioned in dispatches after being previously awarded the Military Cross. He returned to Edmonton on August 22nd.



MAJOR F. K. REESOR

on whom the chivalry award of Member of the British Empire has been bestowed in recognition of valued services rendered.



BRIG. E. B. WILSON, O.B.E., E.D.

former commanding officer of Loyal Edmonton who has arrived home to resume his practise as a lawyer.

Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Residents of Edmonton for 35 years, Mr. and Mrs. N. MacPherson of 11830-92nd St., marked the 50th anniversary of their wedding on Aug. 23 with a reception to relatives and friends. They were married in Campbelltown, Argyshire, Scotland, in 1895 and came to Edmonton in 1910. They have eight sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. One son, Tom, was killed in the First Great War and another Dugald was killed at Ortona with the 1st Battalion L.E.R. Sgt. James and Pte. Archibald also served with the 1st Battalion, and their son-in-law, Cpl. Thomas Reid, also served overseas.

D. L. Bowerman, No. 436724, sends his best wishes to all his old pals, and enclosed his dues and money for the cigarette fund. Bowerman is still holding the fort at Hattonford, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. MacDonald Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. MacDonald, 6274 Ada Blvd., entertained at a dinner at the Macdonald Hotel, Saturday evening, Sept. 15, for their immediate family and friends, in honor of their silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. MacDonald came to the city in 1910 and Mr. MacDonald in 1911 and they were married in 1920. They have three children, Mary 22, Betty, 13, and Bobby with the Canadian Army at Toronto. Alec served in the best company in the 49th, D coy. At least all D company men claim it is.

Captain A. A. Gilchrist Weds

In a quiet morning ceremony Wednesday, October 17, at McDougall United Church, Rev. A. K. McMinn solemnized the marriage of Miss Louisa Mary Dafoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Dafoe, of Coronation, and Mr. Alexander Anderson Gilchrist, of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Gilchrist, of Edmonton. Major Richard Crawley was best man.

DUES PAYABLE

The annual dues for members in the association are 50 cents. This entitles a member to the semi-annual issues of the magazine, postpaid. Dues can be forwarded to the Corresponding Secy., 11908 92 St., or to Neville H. Jones 11252 125 St., or delivered to Earle Hay, Post Office Building, Edmonton. Life Membership is \$15.00. All the work of our association is carried on solely from the subscriptions of the members.

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SQDN.-LDR. JOHN TAYLER

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Tayler, 10810-126th St., were overjoyed when they received a cable from their son, Sqdn. Ldr. John Tayler, who had been a Jap prisoner since 1942. He cabled in a jocular mood. "Thrown out of Japan by Americans. Hope to continue home by air. Feeling great. Hope to see you soon." His airfield cut off by the Japs, he tried to escape in a small motor boat. That was the last heard of him until February, 1943, when his parents received a message from Ottawa, relayed from the International Red Cross, that their son was a prisoner. Later in October, Mr. and Mrs. Tayler received another surprise when some R.A.F. prisoners passed through the city, "Is there any chance of seeing Squadron Leader Tayler's mother and father," demanded four R.A.F. airmen as they stepped from a special C.N.R. train one night last October which was carrying them on a further lap of their long journey from a Jap prison camp to their homes in England. Three of the men in the group of four had flown with the Edmonton aviator as members of his crew, and the fourth knew him both before and after they were captured. Sqdn. Ldr. Tayler returned home Dec. 3rd.

To Honour Edmonton Dead

Plaque bearing the names of all Edmonton men and women giving their lives in this Second Great War will be erected in the city hall as a permanent memorial. This was decided at a meeting of city council Monday night, May 14th, and council went on record instructing the mayor to start the work of compiling the names for the roll-of-honour.

Council also instructed Acting Mayor Hamilton to send a cable to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and other units in which city men are serving expressing the city's deep appreciation for their part in the European campaign.

Major Alan MacDonald Returns Home

Major Alan MacDonald, of the Loyal Edmonton, and Mrs. MacDonald, recently returned to Canada after five years overseas and paid a visit to their parents in Edmonton, after spending a few days in Montreal and New York.

RECEIVES PROMOTION



CAPT. WILFRED W. L. OAKEY

Capt. Wilfred S. L. Oakey who is serving with the Allied forces in Italy and has been promoted from the rank of lieutenant, according to information received by his wife who lives at 10351 106 St. He enlisted on Dec. 1, 1939, and went overseas two weeks later. He was wounded seriously in the thigh last September and rejoined his unit after spending considerable time in hospital.

Fought Along With 1st Battalion

Capt. Jack Campbell, of a reconnaissance unit, returned to the city after five years overseas. He served in the Italian campaign for several months, participating in some of the fighting in the Ortona area, where he saw the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in action. "Edmonton boys have made good," he said. He has two brothers serving overseas.

War Bride Brings Souvenir

A model of a "Buzz Bomb" carved of light wood is the proud possession of Mrs. E. Lenglet of Lincoln Apts., 97th St., recently returned war bride, whose husband "Duke" Lenglet is serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in the Italian campaign.

Return to Canada and Home

Sgt. William Burkholder, Vegreville, was home on leave after seeing active service with the Edmonton in Sicily and Italy and being wounded in Italy. His English bride, who came to Canada ahead of him, was living in Edmonton at the time of his return.

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December, 1944.

Canadians Receive Treatment in U.S. Hospital

Canadians were shown American hospitality in Edmonton when a number of casualties, from the European and Italian fronts, were accepted as patients in the U.S. Army hospital in Edmonton. The following Loyal Edmonton men received treatment last winter. Ptes. Wilfred Grainger, who found the treatment a lot better than at the German prisoner camp he had lately left; James Rowland, who was quite cheerful despite the casts on his legs and part of his body; Pte. Joseph Noullett, his right arm and shoulder were in a cast; Cpl. A. Papirnick, his favourite pastime is ping pong with the nurses and other patients. Lt. Percy Fairbrother, R.C.C.S., was on draft to the 49th but transferred in England to the Signal Corps.

Receive Gas Masks

"Days Gone By," Dec. 1st in the "Journal" appeared this item: All 836 soldiers in the Edmonton Regiment were equipped with gas masks. (1939).

Casualties

Pte. Charles Schneck, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schneck, Wetaskiwin, was reported a prisoner of war. He enlisted in 1939 in the 1st Battalion, and served with them in Sicily and Italy until captured in October, 1944. Sgt. Glen Miller, 23, Meanook, Alta., was wounded on a reconnoitering party at San Fortunata. His two brothers are in the army. Pte. Gordon Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lewis, Athabasca, has been wounded for the second time. So as not to waste time, he used his period of hospitalization in making a felt replica of the insignia of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and sent to his parents. His brother, Raymond, served with the Canadian Army in Italy. Lieut. Benjamin P. Lange, has been reported wounded in Italy for the third time. His wife and daughter reside with Mrs. Lange's parents at 10534 125th St.

Promoted

Captain Henry M. Turner, Edmonton, was promoted to that rank. Capt Turner's wife resides at 11317 61st St.

First Men Arrive on Rotation Leave

The first group of 450 Canadian soldiers returning to Canada for 30 days' leave under the new rotation scheme reached their homes the third week in December.

Whiteside D.C.M. Visits Family

Another veteran of five years overseas, Sgt. R. B. Whiteside, D.C.M., Red Deer, visited his wife and daughter Kathleen. He was wounded in action twice and won the D.C.M. for his bravery under fire.

British Wives Arrive

Ten British war wives and their children arrived in the city about the middle of the month. A few were to reside in Edmonton and others were to proceed north.

Confusion Worse Confounded

Sgt. John C. Webb and his wife of Athabasca appeared in a photo in The Bulletin. Sgt. Webb enlisted in the 1st Battalion Oct., 1939, and went overseas. On March 13, 1942, he was married at Huddersfield, Eng. Mrs. Webb then was a corporal in the women's service of the British Army, and later was made sergeant. Now! What we desire to know, is, who is going to do the "balling" out.

Fights Battle of Readjustment

Former C.S.M. Ed. Tannous, gave his views on the serviceman's readjustment in an interview given in a local paper. He said, "A man's own family can be of untold value to him in winning the difficult battle of readjustment." He is working in the Orthopaedic factory at the University Hospital, Edmonton.

Christmas Greetings Received

Hand drawn greeting cards were received in the city at Yuletide. Pte. D. White, 1st Battalion, sent one to his brother, L. White, 12223 92nd St., depicting a Canadian fighting man sitting against a shell shattered wall. Another card received by Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Lees, 10708 63rd Ave., from their son, Pte. Godfrey Lees, shows a Canadian sitting before a roaring fireplace marked "Berlin."

Christmas at Home

Pte. W. J. Clark spent Christmas at home with his wife and four children at 9925 87th Ave.; Cpl. Raymond and Lt. Jack Madore spent theirs at 10157 114th St.; R. H. Diederick was at 11844 82nd St., when not busy at the Post Office.

January, 1945.

More Overseas Boys Reach Home

Captain Donald C. Sims, E.D., 10142 122nd St., returned along with 10 other overseas men, one of whom was C.Q.M.S. James Robertson, D.C.M., M.M., earned with the 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion in the last war. He is from the Peace River. Major Charles F. Swan, formerly of Lloydminster, saw service on the Italian front with the Loyal Edmontons as a platoon commander up to Ortona, and about five months' service on the Western Front as a company commander. He said, "It was a wide open battle at Caen." Cpl. A. G. Phillips, Killam, returned after service in Sicily and Italy. He was wounded three times, in an Italian hospital he was nursed by his cousin, Lt. N. S. Anne Gair, of Killam. Lt. John F. Schurman, 10512 75th Ave., went overseas as a reinforcement for the 1st Battalion but was returned to Canada owing to injuries received in a training accident in England. Pte. C. G. Rattray, son of Mrs. A. Rattray, Lavoy, was among a large group returning, but no unit was given with these, but believe some must have been Loyal Edmontons.

1st Battalion Casualties

Mr. and Mrs. William Martin of Coronation received official notification that their son, Cpl. R. Martin, was killed in action in Italy. Pte. C. J. Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Nicholson, of Czar, Alta., was wounded while serving in Italy.

Capt. Kenneth J. Rootes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rootes, 9711 106th Street, was wounded on the Italian front on Dec. 14. He was in the fighting at Ortona, and was promoted to captain at that time. A brother, Sgt. Frank Rootes is with the R.C.A.F. on the west coast.

Miscellaneous Items

Two original members of the battalion appeared in a photo in a local paper showing them standing in their shoe repair shop. It seemed they are taking rehabilitation in their stride. They are Steve and Nicholas Jossul of Edmonton. Mrs. W. C. Burkholder, English wife of an Edmonton soldier, with the 1st Battalion in Italy, arrived this month to make her home in Edmonton. She thinks Canada "is a pretty fine country." In St. Stephen's Church of England, London, Eng., the marriage took place on Dec. 20 of Miss Olive Doreen Dawes, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dawes, of Sunderland Terrace, London, and Sgt. Kenneth Graham Ewart, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ewart, of Meadow, Alta. Sgt. Ewart is serving with the Canadian film and photo unit and has been overseas since 1940. He was formerly with the Loyal Edmontons.

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Sanburn Visits Edmonton

Richard L. Sanburn, war correspondent, was a visitor in Edmonton while on a western tour. He saw some of the fighting in Sicily and Italy and went into Normandy after D-Day, following the advancing troops through to Belgium and on to Antwerp. In Edmonton, he said that while in Italy he was in touch with members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, regarded as a first-class fighting unit. Later, he returned to England on the same plane which carried Brig. J. C. Jefferson, former commander of the unit. "I had many visits with the Edmonton boys. They are a fine lot," said Mr. Sanburn.

Did Fine Job

"The Canadians did a fine job at Caen," said Mr. Sanburn. "It was through their fine stand that the Americans were able to break through by St. Lo and on to Paris." "The Canadians," he said, "always had been in a role which took second place in the headlines, as this was less spectacular than armies streaking across France to the German frontier. As a result, the Canadians never have received full credit for the fine job they have done in North-western Europe," he said. "Field Marshal Montgomery always picked the Canadians for a job where it required a particular kind of courage," said Mr. Sanburn.

Wounded in Action

Tpr. Raymond J. Letain, Edmontons, was wounded in action in Italy, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Letain, 11729-101 St. He had five brothers serving in the services. L/Cpl. Louis Marion, was wounded in action in Italy and his condition was at that time reported serious, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Marion, 129 St. and 132 Ave. He was suffering from gasoline burns. L/Cpl. Marion went overseas with the Edmontons but later transferred to the British Columbia Dragoons.

Family Photos Appear in Papers

Mrs. Benjamin Stady and her four children, Keith, Bennie, Marlene and Constance, who are the wife and family of Pte. B. A. Stady, the Loyal Edmontons in Italy, appeared in a photo in a local paper this month. Pte. Stady enlisted in Nov.

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1939, and went overseas the same year. He saw action in Sicily after spending some time in North Africa after the boat he was on was torpedoed en route to Sicily. Mrs. Angus Rector was also shown with her six children, Margaret, Martha, Pauline, Nancy, Charles and Samuel, wife and children of Pte. Angus Rector, then with the Loyal Edmontons in Italy. Last Christmas was the sixth they had spent without their father.

In Action with Edmontons

Gnr. E. S. Richardson, 92nd Battery from Edmonton, as driver for the forward observation party, has seen a great deal of action. During the famous attack on the San Fortunato feature the gunners and ten Edmontons were cut off on a forward observation post for 18 hours. Their two escorting Churchill tanks had been knocked out and an enemy tank fired at them all day. A German tank that escorted enemy infantry past their position was put out of action by them with small mines on the way back, and two prisoners taken.

Promoted to Major

Major Crawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Crawley, 8 Wellington Crescent, was promoted to the rank of Major. He went overseas in 1930 as a reinforcement officer to the 1st Battalion and later was posted to a British regiment. Earlier he had been reported wounded and has since returned to Edmonton. Capt. C. V. Lilley, was also reported to have received his majority. He had seen service in The Loyals (North Lancs.) before joining the 1st Battalion and later returning to Canada for his commission.

Prisoner of Germans

Prisoner of the Germans since Dieppe, Tpr. John O'Connell Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, 9 Berkley Apts., has been repatriated. He enlisted in 1939 with the 1st Battalion from Wembley where he had been farming. Hunter transferred to the Calgary Tanks with about 100 men from the Loyal Edmontons. L/Cpl. Jack Furnell, who farmed at Camrose before enlisting in 1939, was also captured at Dieppe when he was wounded.

Promoted

Capt. Wilfred S. L. Oakey was promoted from the rank of Lieutenant while serving with the forces in Italy. He went overseas with the 1st Battalion two weeks after enlisting on Dec. 1st, 1939. He was wounded seriously in the thigh Sept. 1944, and rejoined his unit after spending considerable time in hospital.

Edmonton Requested Name Streets

A letter received by Secretary-Manager W. J. Williams, 1st Battalion man, and of the Edmonton Legion Branch, from W. Read, Sussex, England, suggests, that the people of Sussex would feel honored if new streets or avenues here were named after Brighton, Worthing, Eastbourne or Fishergate, all well-known Sussex resorts. This is the result of the reputation gained by men of the Loyal Edmontons when quartered for so long in that area.

Organ Memorial to City Soldier

At a special dedication ceremony in Acacia Lodge, No. 11, on Thursday, March 8th, a two-manual electrically operated reed organ was installed in memory of Lt. Louis Hunter Pfrimmer, who died Oct. 25th, 1944, as a result of wounds received in the fighting in Holland. He went overseas with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and later transferred to the Calgary Highlanders.

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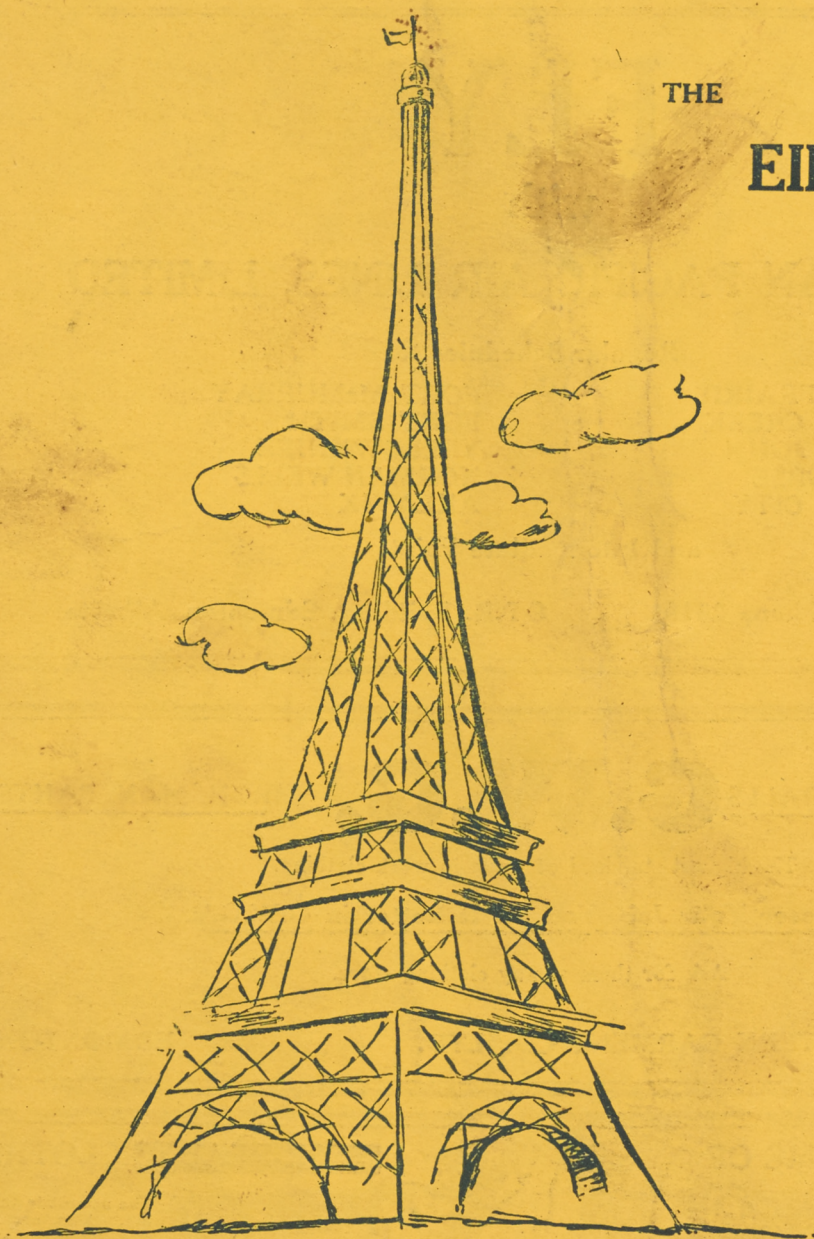
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